

Another successful clinic...

Organizer Mrs. William Finlay and those who assisted her in the blood donor clinic at the legion hall last Thursday, run these affairs so smoothly and with such a minimum of fuss it makes them appear ridiculously easy.

Although there are numerous little details and large amounts of preparation which go into each clinic.

Mrs. Finlay's flair for organization and her choice of helpers creates a cheerful climate which could be widely emulated by clinics elsewhere.

The success of the affairs is measured by the number who attend and donate. The most recent one was an-

other success numerically and the number of repeat donors is high, which speaks highly for the efficiency of those in charge.

There is another facet of the clinics which must go unmeasured, however, even though it may be more important. That is the willingness of so many people to go through the discomfort, slight as it is, for the benefit of other people. Some of them have probably benefitted personally from transfusions and feel obligated, but there are also many who donate solely in concern for their neighbor, even though they'll never know who he is.

Free Press Editorial Page

Adverse publicity for Expo...

One Actonian of French extraction is more than a little miffed at the adverse publicity accommodations for Expo have been receiving at the hands of the daily press in Toronto.

Marc Laferrriere suspects there is jealousy involved because Montreal, rather than Toronto was selected as the site for the exposition. This, he feels, is coloring the truth of the matter.

His view conflicts partly with a recent report by the Canadian Automobile Association which made a comparative study and found rates would be hiked an average of \$4 a day for a double room. However, Marc had some proof for his case and he produced it.

It consisted of a letter from a small Montreal hotel he had written the week before confirming reservations for a double room at a cost of \$8. "It is clean, comfortable and recently done over," said Marc, "but the best thing is it is only a block from St. Catharines Street and the metro which takes you right to Expo."

He admitted the rates had doubled from the usual \$4 a day to \$8 but felt the cost would be more in the neighborhood of \$5 because of a recent

Quebec government ruling forbidding surcharges over 15 percent.

Most of his satisfaction came from the speed with which he received a reply confirming good accommodation was still available right on Expo's doorstep when Toronto newspapers were proclaiming Montreal was all booked up.

Recent charges of official complicity in pocketing deposits were featured on front pages but when top Expo brass said they were without foundation the item was buried in the back pages.

These and many other such hints make one wonder if some people wouldn't be glad to see Expo a financial flop rather than a crowning achievement for centennial year.

"Canadians will be proud to realize that this Exhibition of 1967 was done by Canadians. It is not a French-Canadian Exhibition and it not an English-Canadian Exhibition. It was made possible by the mixture of both cultures in this great national achievement," said Philippe de Gaspé Beaubien, Director of Operations for Expo '67.

Using the words of a negro spiritual, to this we add... Amen... Amen

Editorial notes...

"Canadians '67", the ice revue presented by the Acton Figure Skating Club Saturday night, was delightful entertainment and a credit to all who organized and participated in it. The elaborate costumes, done mainly by mothers of skaters, reflected pride in their work and an artistic sense which blended into the centennial year theme. The revue was certainly the most lavish and pretentious centennial event in this district to date.

Before marriage a girl knits her fellow socks; afterwards she doesn't give a darn —Battista.

Laugh and the world laughs with you; moan and you sell a million records.

Springtime means showers and puddles. The Ontario Safety League thanks the majority of drivers who take pains to avoid splashing pedestrians and hopes that this courtesy will become universal in time. Splashing is dangerous, too, when it suddenly obscures the vision of another driver. Another hazard on side roads is the fact that puddles sometimes conceal a deep hole.

Centennial Picture Gallery



WHEN ACTON was Adamsville, the Ransom Adams family lived in this frame house which is shown being moved down Mill St. about 1905. It is now a double house near the tannery. Before the day of the move, it occupied the corner of Mill and John St. where the Home Furnishings store is now. Behind it, to the right, is the home of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Mainprize, with a vacant lot where the Y.M.C.A. was later built, and then the present barber shop. Writing on the old postcard, lent by E. E. Perryman, says "Ransom Adams" — One of Acton's Oldest Landmarks.



FIRST WARM DAY OF SPRING brought greetings from John Vos, Chris Dudley, Billy Adair, Brad Chamberlain and Paul Bolton, perched on the arch of the picturesque bridge spanning the river in Eden Mills. (Staff Photo)

Sugar and Spice

by bill smiley

Remember? It's 1967 and we have Uniforce, alias the Canadian Cobras, 100,000 strong, pure bone and gristle, masterminded by jut-jawed Joe Garibaldi, Minister of National Defence.

The Yanks are all upset because he is dickering with the Chinese, a couple of waiters from the Nanking restaurant. It's obviously a second Cuba in the making.

Joe gets a call from the White House. He states his terms, and hangs up. He knows his man. LSD, president of the U.S. of A., is a tough cookie. He came up through the unions, like Joe, but owes his position to the huge wealth of his wife, Mary Warner, of the hideously rich Boston Warners.

Twenty minutes later, Joe's phone rings. It's LSD himself. "Now, look, Joe. We don't want trouble. We paid eight million for Alaska and I think five million for the Louisiana Purchase thing. Yeah, yeah, we know there's inflation. How about a straight eight billion, after taxes? You want ten? Don't be ridiculous. We won't go a nickel past nine. After all, we own most of the country anyway. A deal? Right. Take over."

It wasn't quite that simple, of course. Joe had to call a meeting of the War Council. This group had supplanted the Cabinet, which was relegated to such tasks as studying the Immediate Housing Bill, introduced in 1968, and the Old Age Unemployment Act, prepared in 1969.

But it didn't take long. Joe had hand-picked his senior officers. Marshal-Admiral Louis Latour had wanted to be King Louis the First of New Canada the Second. After Joe had explained how awkward this would be, Louis settled for the liquor concession at all martyrs' shrines in the country.

The others went along. Colonel-Commander Nils Jorgenson of Winnipeg balked a little at getting no more than the remaining mineral rights of the Prairie Provinces, but finally acceded, grumbling. The rest accepted what they got: The fishing rights in Hudson Bay, the Rocky Mountains, or whatever.

It was perfectly timed. At noon on July 1st, our national holiday, the Cobras struck. Flying squads took over all communication media, without a drop of blood being shed.

Off the cuff...

There is increasing indication that mortgage rates are turning down slightly in the wake of easing credit and generally lower interest rates in other money markets. Some of the large institutional lenders are directing more funds into mortgages. Conventional mortgage rates at present are around 7 1/4 to 8 percent, against 7 1/4 to 8 1/4 percent at end of 1966. The Financial Post says National Housing Act mortgages are expected to drop to 7 percent from 7 1/4 percent soon and may go to 6 1/2 percent in three months' time.

Nearly everybody was pooped after the long hot holiday, so that only a few heard Marshal-Admiral Latour announce, on the 11 p.m. news, that Uniforce had unearched and promptly squashed a communist plot to take over the country.

Next day the full story came out, in all media, and the Honorable Joe was lauded for the speed and decision with which he had handled the emergency.

There wasn't an iota of resistance. Parliament was on holidays. The Prime Minister was ill and in seclusion. The universities were closed, so there were no students' protests. The Mounties and militia had long since been disbanded as needless expense.

Everything was perfectly calm. Business as usual. Most Canadians were starting their holidays.

A few noticed that there were a lot of new radio and TV announcers and newspaper columnists, but they figured the new guys were just vacation replacements.

Then the good news started coming. Corporation, income and sales taxes were all to be reduced. Farm subsidies were to be raised. Food prices were to be lowered. Free housing for everybody making less than \$5,000.

I guess I don't have to tell you the rest. Popular movement demanded a republic and "Joe for President." Joe's sincere statement that he had no ambition except to serve the Canadian people, through the democratic process. Big convention. Only stipulation for delegates was that they be members of Uniforce. Joe elected unanimously. You had to have it to him. From President of the Destruction Workers' Union to President of the great Republic of Canada in a few short years.

That's all. Oh a few people disappeared quietly here and there, but that was because of the new Relocation Act.

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Free Press

back issues

20 years ago

Taken from the issue of the Acton Free Press, Thursday, March 27, 1947.

Furns are now available for tenants who desire to make application for the fifty homes proposed to be erected by Wartime Housing.

Veterans get first preference in these homes, but applications from all should be filed now. These homes are for rental and not for sale.

The first meeting of the newly-appointed Board of Health of the Halton County Health Unit was held in Milton on March 20.

Mr. and Mrs. G. Brownlow celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary. Snowdrops are in bloom.

Extensive alterations are being made in the interior furnishings, floors and arrangements at Watson's Lunch.

\$210.20 acknowledged in Aid to China Fund for Acton.

50 years ago

Taken from the issue of the Acton Free Press, Thursday, March 22, 1917.

The resignation of J. S. Coleman, the man who has taken care of the Public and High Schools for the past nine years, was received by the school board. The resignation is to take effect in a month.

Mr. Coleman has decided to remove to Hamilton, Manitoba.

The secretary was instructed to advertise for applications for the position of janitor at the salary of \$600 per year.

Messrs. Blow and Overholt, of Woodstock, have purchased the goodwill of B. F. Caldwell and will open a first class machine shop and garage in Acton.

These new men have the reputation of being experienced motor car machinists.

Motor cars are running in the lower end of the county, on the new Toronto-Hamilton highway.

Word has been received that Captain J. Firstbrook is recovering. His mother and father of Toronto are visiting him at Berne, Switzerland.

75 years ago

Taken from the issue of the Acton Free Press, Thursday, March 24, 1892.

The Minister of Finance shows a surplus. Hon. Mr. Foster, delivered his budget speech and pointed out the great prosperity of the country. The receipts of last year were \$38,579,310, the expenditures \$36,243,562, leaving a surplus of \$2,335,748.

The annual meeting of Acton Branch Bible Society will be held in the Methodist church, Rev. Mr. Rae the agent of the society, will deliver his annual address.

The first annual supper of the Sons of Scotland of Ivanhoe Camp S.O.S. was held last Friday evening.

The contract for the new school building goes to a Brampton man, his tender for brick being the lowest, \$4,769.

About twenty-five minutes sufficed for the transaction of all business requiring attention at the regular meeting of Council Monday evening. The committee of finance presented their fifth report.

Days and nights of equal length just now.

It is pretty generally hoped the snow storm of this week was the last of the season.

100 years ago

Taken from the issue of The Canadian Champion, Milton, April 4, 1867.

It is much to be regretted our electioneering meetings should be so much taken up with personal squabbles. No doubt a candidate for Parliamentary honors should be a man of "sterling integrity and undoubted loyalty," but then neither the Lawson property bugbear nor the Oakville harbor affair can have anything to do with these, as far as the "honest yeomen of Old Halton" are concerned. Neither Mr. Chisholm nor Mr. White can long keep what the law does not give him a right to. Let each party erect his platform when, where and how he likes — let him do as the lumbermen sometimes do, have it written in chalk on his back if he likes, on the same condition, it can be rubbed off only when the account is settled.

For Sale — the Halton Herald Office, Georgetown, with press, type, and all the fixtures complete, at a bargain. Address, W. Barber and Son, Georgetown.

Editorial briefs

Those who establish leg exercises and stay with it will have less blood pressure, less hardening of the arteries, less arterio sclerosis, less heart trouble and fewer strokes than those who don't, states Dr. Murray Blair of Vancouver General Hospital. He advises that the lost art of walking, physical exercise in moderation, is essential to our well-being as we grow older.

Canada's new flag, a controversial subject when introduced, is winning wider acceptance as time goes on. Many centennial flags flying with the red maple leaf brighten the long winter days.

Free Press

Church News

EVANGEL PENTECOSTAL TABERNACLE

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

SUNDAY, APRIL 9, 1967

10.00 a.m.—Sunday School.

11.00 a.m.—Morning Worship.

7.00 p.m.—Evening Worship. Evangelistic Service.

Tuesday, 8 p.m.—Prayer and Bible Study.

Thursday, 8 p.m.—Christ Ambassadors.

Friday, 6.45 p.m.—Crusaders.

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, APRIL 9, 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.—Public Worship of God. Sermon Theme: "Taking Hold of Life's Serpents."

7.45 p.m.—Presbytery Elders' Rally, St. Andrew's Church, Brampton.

Everyone Most Welcome.

ACTON BAPTIST CHURCH

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

SUNDAY, APRIL 9, 1967

10.00 a.m.—Church School and Adult Class.

11.15 a.m.—Morning Worship. "The Breath of God."

7.00 p.m.—Special Evening Service. Students from the Baptist Training Institute of Brantford will put on the evening service. Singing, witnessing, and message. All are welcome.

Monday, April 10 — Mission Circle at Fryer's

Wednesday, 7.30 p.m.—Prayer and Bible.

Thursday, 6.30 p.m.—Explorers.

Thursday, 7.30 p.m.—Choir Practice.

Friday, 7.00 p.m.—B.H.F.

Text: "So then every one of us shall give account of himself to God."

Romans 14:12

TRINITY CHURCH

(The United Church of Canada)

Minister: Mr. John May (Interim Supply)

Organist: Mr. George Elliott, M.A., Ph.D.

SUNDAY, APRIL 9, 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.—Churchhill Church (Churchhill Rd. N.)

All Welcome

BETH-EL CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

Acton, Ontario.

SUNDAY, APRIL 9, 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, APRIL 9, 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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THE CHURCH OF ST. ALBAN THE MARTYR

ANGLICAN

Corner Willow St. and St. Alban's Drive

Rev. Ritchie McMurray, M.A., S.T.B.

SATURDAY, APRIL 8

8.00 p.m.—"Get Acquainted Night" to which the whole parish is invited. Especially newcomers to Acton.

SUNDAY, APRIL 9, 1967

Easter II

9.00 a.m.—Holy Eucharist.

10.30 a.m.—Church School.

10.30 a.m.—Morning Prayer.