

Industry favors small towns...

The Ontario Economic Council reports Ontario manufacturers which have located outside the large cities in the smaller municipalities are satisfied and would do it again if the situation was identical. Forty-one companies were interviewed and they gave diverse reasons for the moves.

Site selection is influenced by a variety of personal and corporate considerations including adjacency to recreational areas and absence of traffic jams. But there were barriers to successful operation. Chief among these seemed to be the lack of rental housing, high rents and a labor shortage.

One of the companies interviewed said their final location was chosen because of better than average social, educational and recreational environment. This is a barb in the direction of people in this and other communities who oppose improvements in these areas.

Believe it or not there are communities who would just as soon forget about industrial development and remain quiet havens for the retired. One of these, according to its mayor, is Goderich.

Despondent over the loss of potential industry and the lack of support for the industrial commission he told the people of Goderich he felt the majority of them did not favor industrial development in the town. The Goderich Signal Star said it is difficult to dismiss the idea there is a large body of opinion there which wants Goderich to remain a small county town, "prettiest in Ontario."

These are opinions this writer has heard expressed in Acton, too, but never by a municipal official in an official capacity.

How many towns are there in Ontario with similar large bodies of opinion against industrialization?

Free Press Editorial Page

Voices of spring...

Spring draws rhapsodies of praise from the poet, the proverbial young man, the migrating birds. Even the breeze sings a different tune as it whistles through budding branches.

Of all the heralds of Spring, probably the least appreciated are the band of amphibian woodwinds made up of assorted frogs and toads. The music ranges from the flute like hylas or spring peepers to the deep chugging of the bullfrogs.

Who hasn't gone out on a Spring night and remarked to a companion - "The frogs are singing tonight."

Did you ever try to see the chorus? No matter how quietly you creep up on these symphonic concerts the singers clam up as soon as you set foot on their marshy homes.

According to the naturalists all this volume comes from tiny frogs that

average about one inch long. Like chameleons they can blend their coloring in with their background. That accounts for your inability to see them.

In case you didn't know it's just the male peeper which does the singing. The female can't sing a note. Another oddity: the female only receives on E flat wave length. She can't hear any other singers but those of her own species.

Now this is no criticism of Mother Nature but perhaps she slipped up when this feature was incorporated into the tiny peepers' make-up. Think of the troubles which could have been avoided if your wife could hear only you calling.

No more distractions. When you called she alone would hear and there wouldn't be any excuses like - "I didn't hear you calling."

Let the people know...

Publicizing the activities of your club and its aims in this newspaper is a measure every member of an organization should keep in mind. Perhaps the best way to achieve this, is to appoint a news reporter. Give him the responsibility of forwarding the information to the paper.

A good reporter is a tremendous asset to your club... It might even be a good idea to honor their efforts in some tangible way. There is much more to news reporting and public relations than meets the eye.

In making this communication, you are laying the groundwork for good public relations, which in turn benefits your club by making people aware of your goals, and at the same time sympathetic toward them.

Good publicity is essential today as never before. The affluent 20th Century Society is bombarded with information and entertainment, and if your ideals and projects are to get public

attention, they must be presented in a simple, yet appealing way.

Anything that is of interest or benefit to the people of the community. Anything that expresses some aspect of human interest - a story that is humorous; a happening that is unique; a project that is original; a problem that has been overcome with ingenuity and hard work; a program that was carried out successfully - all these things and many more make the news.

A few tips: Take the time to put the facts down in order, with precision and legibility. If you can type your news items, so much the better but handwriting certainly won't be turned away at this office.

When you have something important or interesting coming up let your newspaper know well in advance. We may want to add picture coverage and we're equipped to do it.



INTERMITTENT RAIN and sunshine rippled the surface of Fairy Lake as viewed from the end of Lake Ave. this week. The lake is due for a face-lifting this

year but so far no indication has been received from conservation authorities when improvements will start. (Staff Photo)

Sugar and Spice

by bill smiley



Did you read in the papers recently about some drug, developed by a Rumanian lady doctor, which keeps you young? Apparently it works wonders. Old Konrad Adenauer, who packed it in not long ago, well into his nineties, was a regular customer.

Wish I could get my hands on some of that stuff. In fact, don't be surprised if you learn that I'm off to Rumania this summer. It's appalling what they expect us old guys to do these days.

When I was 30, I knew I couldn't keep up the pace much longer, and looked forward to life beginning at 40. When I hit 40, I found myself running faster than ever, still in circles. Now I'm wondering whether they let you out of the rat race at 50, or whether you just keep going until you run all those other rats into the ground or fall flat on your foolish face. Dead.

Trouble is, there are always new young rats joining the marathon, which makes it rough on us mature rats, even though we've got our second wind.

It's not the regular work that gets me. No. I come from hard-working peasant, puritan stock, and know that you have to work hard to get rich and/or to heaven. It's the other week piled on top of it that makes me come out an 80-hour loser, red-eyed, surly, frazzled and fractious.

It's when they expect me to be, in addition, as a bonus, a culture vulture, a society butterfly, a dedicated community worker, a fine husband and father, and a general handyman, that I rapidly become a dam' old grump, as my daughter succinctly puts it.

Last week was a doozer, and not untypical. Monday, rush home, write column, then straight off to music festival. Sat on hard chair from 7:30 to 11:30 p.m. when daughter played. Worth it, when she took highest mark in the festival, but had sore bum all next day.

Tuesday, taught my own classes and gave guest lecture. Grade 10 is "doing" the invasion of Normandy in history, since I was the only available living relic of the battle, was asked to tell them some highlights. Like how our air force bombed our troops at Caen. Like how my squadron dive-bombed a German bridge three days in a row. 60 tons of bombs, three aircraft lost, and never knocked a chip of concrete off the thing, though we did kill a lot of fish in the river below.

This is known as living history and I had to do an encore the next day with another grade. A pack of "old sweat" lies, but they ate it up. It wasn't in the book.

After school, acted as judge in speaking contest. Wednesday night final concert of music festival winners. Kim picked up an armful of silver cups, which

helped ease another raw ramp from three hours on wooden chair. Thursday night, Library Board Meeting. Friday afternoon, presented prizes to winners in speaking contest. Friday night, school band concert, with daughter playing drums and another hard chair. Pain in rear slightly eased by post-concert party which produced pain in head.

Saturday, Open House at school. English department display in my room drew much attention. Ketchup on floor indicated last scene of Hamlet, which we did in the fall, and small pile of ashes on floor indicated remains of Saint Joan which we finished last week. Visitors were deeply impressed with new realism in teaching English.

Saturday night, fought all evening with wife and daughter. Latter wanted to go to teen dance, despite fact she had trouble staying awake because of afternoon and evening rehearsals all week. To every one of which I drove her and picked her up.

Spent all day Sunday looking for receipts to send with income tax return, one week late.

Here it is Monday and column night again. And the lawn isn't raked. And tomorrow night I have to play for the Russian Billiard Championship of the curling club, which closed three weeks ago.

And hours to go before I sleep. And hours to go before I sleep. Please pass the Rumanian Gerovital or whatever.

Free Press back issues

20 years ago

Taken from the issue of the Acton Free Press of Thursday, May 8, 1947.

3,600 fingerlings of speckled trout were put into the Sixteen Mile Creek and Blue Springs Creek in the uppermost part of Halton last Friday.

Dublin community gathered in the schoolhouse to spend a social evening with Mr. and Mrs. Duncan McDougall before they left the section.

The Rev. Edward Nichols officiated at the wedding on Saturday afternoon at three o'clock in Hart House Chapel, Toronto, of Mary Elizabeth Watts, Toronto and Ralph Johan Hansen, B.A., B.Sc., son of Mrs. Isabel Parker of Georgetown and the late Mr. John Hansen.

A letter from Central Mortgage and Housing Co. gave notice that approval had been given for construction of the 50 houses in the Acton project.

Mrs. John Mowat has sold her residence on Main St. to Beardmore and Co. May 7 and it still continues to snow. We've seen it do the same thing later in other years but no repeat performance is necessary.

Beardmore and Co. have sold to W. D. Talbot, the store and dwelling at the corner of Mill and Willow Sts. which has been occupied by Mr. Talbot for some years.

On Friday evening, May 7, the friends and neighbors of Walter (Bill) and Mrs. Cole (nee Beatrice Lambert) gathered at Woodside school to present them with a miscellaneous shower.

Born - Fosbury: On Wednesday, May 7, to Rev. A. Walter and Mrs. Fosbury, a son.

50 years ago

Taken from the issue of the Acton Free Press of Thursday, May 3, 1917.

Engineer Harold S. Nicklin left St. John's, Quebec, last Friday for overseas. Mrs. Nicklin went down to say goodbye to him there.

Col. A. C. Gray of the Fort Garry Cavalry and Adjutant General for his district, Winnipeg, made a brief visit at the home of his father, Dr. T. Gray on Saturday. Mrs. Gray was also here on a brief visit last week.

It was with much gratitude that friends here received the cabled news last Thursday that the transport conveying the 16th Battalion Dufferin Battalion across the Atlantic had safely reached England and the troops were landed.

New officers of the Epworth League are: president, Miss M. Z. Bennett; first vice-president, Miss Clara Moore; second vice-president, Miss Muriel Fleury; third vice-president, Miss Elsie Stewart; fourth vice-president, Earl Vincent; fifth vice-president, Miss Bertie Speight and Mrs. N. F. Moore; recording secretary, Miss Edith Dennis; corresponding secretary, Martin Moffat; treasurer, Orval Johnston; pianist, Ernest Brown.

75 years ago

Taken from the issue of the Acton Free Press of Thursday, May 5, 1872.

"Spare the advertisement and spoil the business" is the latest axiom. Another addition of 30 x 40 is being put to Beardmore and Co.'s sole leather tannery.

Mr. John Lawson, carpenter, is building a house on the corner of Elgin and Agnes Sts.

Mr. Adam Cook is completing his contract of last year at the park. He is grading the west end.

Among the names of successful probationers for the ministry in the Guelph Conference of the Methodist Church is J. W. Kitching of Rockwood circuit.

The woollen mills in Rockwood appear to be doing a rushing business this spring. Most of the hands are on duty both day and night.

100 years ago

Taken from the issue of The Canadian Champion, Milton, May 9, 1847.

The tannery of Mr. Dayfoot, Georgetown, took fire last night in the bark house, but the timely arrival of the fire engine and a plentiful supply of water, the fire was soon got under control. We might mention the propriety of the Council furnishing an engine that would be of service in case of fire. The present engine requiring too much labor and loss of time to be of much service. In another factory belonging to Mr. Shaw in this same town, a boy was found hanged this morning, supposed to have happened accidentally by being caught in a moving belt.

Great preparations are being made in Milton for the celebration of her Majesty's 48th birthday in a manner becoming loyal people. The volunteer company will turn out by order of the Commander in Chief and fire a feu de joie. A large amount has subscribed for games, races, etc. and a gorgeous procession of Caluthumpians will parade the streets, arrayed in costly robes, and the day will conclude with a grand reunion of the institute. Surely this is a bill of fare to suit the most sensational tastes, and we expect to see our streets overflowing with sight-seers on that day. The Prussian press complains that France is still continuing her military preparations.

Last week a man living on the Guelph Road, between Campbellville and Haltonville, was found dead in bed. Cause of death unknown, supposed to be from intemperance.

Editorial note

May 12 is traditionally celebrated by hospitals in Ontario as National Hospital Day. It commemorates the birthday of Florence Nightingale.

Free Press Church News

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, MAY 14, 1967
9:45 a.m.—Regular Church School Session withdrawn.
11:00 a.m.—Christian Family Worship Service. Sermon Theme: "By Their Parents You Will Know Them." Sacrament of Christian Baptism. Junior Choir and Young People participating.
Everyone Most Welcome.

TRINITY CHURCH
(The United Church of Canada)
Minister: Mr. John May, B.A., B.D.
Organist: Mr. George Elliott, M.A., Ph.D.
SUNDAY, MAY 14, 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.)
All Welcome

ACTON BAPTIST CHURCH
Founded 1842
Pastor: Rev. Stanley Gammon
Res. 144 Tiddy Ave., Ph. 853-1615
SUNDAY, MAY 14, 1967
10:00 a.m.—Church School and Adult Class.
11:15 a.m.—Morning Worship. "A tribute to Mother."
7:00 p.m.—Evening Service. "Musical Evening for All." Bev Shea, Kate Smith - Hymn Sing Choir 645. B.H.F. and Allan McGuggan have parts.
All are welcome.
Wednesday, 7:30 p.m.—Prayer and Bible Study.
Thursday, 6:30 p.m.—Explorers.
Thursday, 7:30 p.m.—Choir Practice.
Friday, 7:00 p.m.—B.H.F.
Text: "My son, hear the instruction of thy father, and forsake not the law of thy mother." Prov. 1:8

EVANGEL PENTECOSTAL TABERNACLE
P.A.O.C. 33 Churchill Road
Rev. S. M. Thoman, Pastor, 853-2715
SUNDAY, MAY 14, 1967
Special Mother's Day Services. Prov. 31:10 - "Who can find a virtuous woman for her price is far above rubies."
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.

BETH-EL
CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH
Acton, Ontario.
SUNDAY, MAY 14, 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, MAY 14, 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 877-4445

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

THE DAY OF PENTECOST
(White Sunday)
SUNDAY, MAY 14, 1967
9:00 a.m.—Holy Eucharist.
9:30 a.m.—Adults and Church School children board buses at the church door for Christ Church Cathedral where Mr. Laurie Duly is to be ordained Deacon. (There will be no 10:30 service at St. Alban's this morning.)



Centennial Picture Gallery



BEFORE THE RIVER at Rockwood was bridged, people living on the south side of the Speed River had to walk to the Indian Trail south-west of Rockwood to ford the stream. This bridge on the Indian Trail, pictured about 1880, predates a bridge at Rockwood. The section of the river shown was called "Lillybrook." In 1827, this section of

the Indian Trail was termed a "usable wagon track" to Guelph and extended as far east as Crewsons Corners (then Ryckman's Corners). It is said that John Galt once intended this road to be the main one to York, but the railroad going through Rockwood caused the main route to be diverted in that direction. This picture was lent by Ham Peal.

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