

Sugar and Spice

by bill smiley

I'm deeply hurt. I've been waiting. eyes shining, cheeks glowing, mind agog, to see who was going to invite us to stay at their place while we visited Expo.

Nothing. Not a whisper. Not a murmur. Not a wire. Not even a long distance call, collect.

Everybody else I know has a deal, of some kind. This one has relatives who are going to turn over their apartment for two weeks in August, when they go on vacation. That one is going to stay with her mother's uncle's cousin's son while his wife has her 14th child in hospital.

Another friend has a brother who is a big buyer for a department store. The brother has been offered a suite of rooms at a posh motel for a week, by a big supplier of things to the big department store. Both brothers are going, with their wives. This is known as public relations. We'd even settle for some private relations.

The Telegram, which dispenses this column, has not said: "We'd like you to take your family to Expo for a week. All expenses." Do a couple of columns from there. "No, all they've said is "Your column was late again last week."

Pierre Burton is going to spend two weeks with his family, at Expo, in his boat. I haven't even got a rowboat, and if I had, I don't think we'd make it before freeze-up.

I must be fair, and admit we've had a couple of invitations to park our trailer, via Christmas cards. One was from my sister, who is about 100 miles from Expo. The other was from old buddy Gene Macdonald, who is only "an hour from Expo", probably as "jet flies. Only trouble is, we don't have a trailer, and I don't suppose there's one left for hire in the whole country. Next year will be a great year to buy used trailers.

Now, I haven't anything grand or glorious in mind. All I was thinking about was somebody who perhaps has an apartment in Montreal and a chalet in the Laurentians. If they were at the chalet, we'd be perfectly happy to look after their apartment in the city. And if they wanted to come back to the mug and muck of the city and Expo for a week, in all that heat, we'd be delighted to let them have the apartment, while we looked after the chalet.

What could be fairer than that? It isn't as though we wanted to come busting in on our relatives in Montreal, even if we had any, and say, "Sorry we couldn't make it for the last 12 years, but we just couldn't resist coming to see you this year, for a Centennial Year reunion. What? Every room in the house is rented all summer? Well! Money is thicker than blood, obviously."

No, that's not the idea. Not at all. We don't want to impose on anyone. We just want a quiet little place, preferably air conditioned, that will sleep three (maybe four, as Hugh still had his hand in a cast), with free parking, not more than ten minutes from Expo, with maid service. Free.

Nothing elaborate. Nothing ostentatious. Just a simple little place to lay our heads and cook our meals and make lunches and burn holes in the chesterfield and have all OUR relatives in. Just something like home.

We wouldn't stay all summer, you know. Kim has to be home Sundays to play the organ at church. And Hugh has to be home every two weeks to have his finger re-broken, re-set, re-encased in a cast. (I think he's found his life's work.)

Besides, my wife doesn't want to go to Expo. She shudders at crowds, heat, sore feet. She says she wouldn't sleep a wink. She says we can't afford it. (That's what she said last summer, and a week later we were on a plane for Vancouver. Our fly-now pay-later plan will soon be paid for.)

Oh well, if nobody wants us...



REV. GORDON TURNER, new minister of Acton United Church and his wife (centre) are welcomed by two of the church elders, Orville Brown and Bill Morrison last Thursday evening. Mr. Turner's first church was at Mattawa; the Acton-Churchill charge is his second. (Staff Photo)



PARTICIPATING IN THE induction ceremony for the Rev. Gordon Turner Thursday were Rev. Robert Scrivens (left) of Georgetown and Rev. Jewett Parr (right) of Burlington. (Staff Photo)

Free Press back issues

20 years ago

Taken from the issue of the Free Press, Thursday, July 3, 1947.
Playing for the second time in the Waterloo Music Festival on Saturday, Mr. C. W. Mason led the Acton Boys and Girls Band to first place in the competition for bands under 21 years of age and saw the boys and girls he had organized emerge at the top of this event in which bands from all over Ontario compete. The band was organized a little over four years ago.

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In the test piece the solo cornet part was taken by George Elliott and the euphonium by Donald Van Gozen. We understand the next objective is to enter the C.N.E. competition.

The Lorne Scots again carried off top honors at Waterloo, no new experience for this outstanding band under Mr. A. Perrotti.

34 Acton school pupils passed the entrance examinations.
On Tuesday last Canada marked 80 years of democratic nationhood. Not is it up to us, the ordinary men and women, to preserve the precious heritage and build the good relationships in racial, religious and political matters by resisting the temptation to air our personal prejudices. The way each one of us solves our problems determines the character of the country. We, like the Fathers of Confederation, can build for the future.

A beautiful lawn wedding took place at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Griffin when their daughter Sarah Eleanor became the bride of William Henry, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joshua Thompson.

Rev. A. W. Fosbury gave farewell messages on Sunday, closing his pastorate of six years in the Acton Methodist Church.

50 years ago

Taken from the issue of the Free Press, Thursday, July 5, 1917.

Verily our boys who have given themselves to the war are often found in strange surroundings. The Free Press has just received a letter from Capt. W. G. C. Kenney, A.V.C., from Egypt, where he is now in active service. Capt. Kenney is a son of William R. Kenney, J.P., and a graduate of the Free Press.

The men of the 164th Battalion are now on their last leave before proceeding to France.

The Toronto News has already fallen from grace under the management which succeeded Sir John Willison. Its columns are blemished again with whiskey advertisements galore.

The Red Cross garden party at the home of Mr. Chalker, Limehouse, drew an immense crowd.

The meeting of the Women's Institute at the rectory was an occasion of special interest. Mrs. Preuter, president of the women's Political Education League, showed how women, now the franchise has been granted them, may vote intelligently. War-time refreshments were served.

Rev. Large, the new Methodist minister, struck a responsive chord when he announced that during the warm summer evenings he would endeavor to confine services within the hour. Sunday evening's service concluded in exactly 60 minutes.

The 30 year old house moved off the corner of Agnes and Willow to the site of the Toronto Suburban Railway Station on Main St. is considerable a contrast to the fine brick structure we were promised.

75 years ago

Taken from the issue of the Free Press, Thursday, July 7, 1892.

Hundreds of visitors came to Acton to spend Dominion Day. The early morning was taken up in calling on friends and seeing the town. About 1 o'clock the crowds began the way to the park. The first number prepared by the Celebration Committee was an exciting football match between Acton and Bloomsbury, captains R. Johnston and J. Brownlee.

Two teams from Acton Gun Club with captains W. Jeans and J. J. Pearson had a score of 35 to 27 out of 140 rounds which does not speak very eloquently of accurate marksmanship. The contest was nothing if not amusing.

In the lacrosse match Acton defeated Milton. The tug of war contest, a leading topic of discussion for the month past was the most exciting event. When the Georgetown team of muscular mechanics arrived and were found to tip the scale at 2250 pounds they began to think their own 1769 team had slim chances. But "looks is sometimes deceiving" and so it was in this case. In two straight pulls with captain Ed McLaughlin the Acton won to the great chagrin of their opponents.

In the afternoon an immense crowd watched the horse races.

CHURCHILL

New minister, Expo in news of district

Churchill church service was held as usual with our new pastor, Rev. Gordon Turner, conducting the Canadian Council of Churches centennial service. Miss Erica Strokov sang the new Canadian hymn, Canada. Rev. Turner will preach each Sunday service in July before they leave for their holidays in August.

Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Denny, Joyce and Ray, also Mr. and Mrs. Norman Turner, David and Juliann, took their trailers to a Caravan Meet in Peterborough for the holidays. Beaver Mead Park is on Little Lake where Peterborough centennial project, a fountain beautifully lit at night, was a real attraction. In spite of the bad weather part of each day was sunny enough for swimming, boating and motor excursions.

Mrs. Robert Anderson, Mrs. Fred Kenner St., Mrs. Gordon McKewen and Peter, Mr. and Mrs. Don Anderson and boys visited Halton county museum on Sunday.

Visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Swackhamer on Saturday were Mr. and Mrs. Paul Dyson and Comille, of Waterloo, also Mr. and Mrs. Harry Kroecker and family of St. Catharines.

Miss Betty Swackhamer attended Expo with the Osprey school group, arriving home on Sunday morning.

Messrs. Ken Allen, John Duvnk and Archie Kerr took part with the Lorne Scots band in Brampton on Saturday in the flower parade, also on Sunday in the band parade when the rain prevented the presentation of the colors.

On June 20 a piano recital was held at Don and Marie Anderson's home. Bonnie Bristow, Erica and Elizabeth and Eric Strokov played selections by Bach, Beethoven, Hayden, Brahms and others.

The girls played and sang Herman Freuler's Hymn to Canada and other duets.

Miss Rose Marie Hill, a former school friend of Marie, and her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Hill of El Paso, Texas, spent Thursday and Friday with Don and Marie Anderson and boys and Mr. and Mrs. Archie Kerr. After attending Expo they are touring Ontario

Grounds wet for trooping

Weekend rains dampened the fair grounds at Brampton where the Lorne Scots (Peel, Dufferin and Halton Rgt.) was planning the annual "Trooping of the Colors" ceremony on Sunday afternoon.

Freelancer

David Willmot, a student who is working at the H. K. Porter Company, also does freelance writing and photography. He wrote a story for the Free Press this week on two local entrants in the Dairy Princess contest. He intends to go to Charlton University to study journalism in the fall.

Instead, the Regiment staged a parade through downtown Brampton. Local members of the Regiment, including many in the pipe and brass bands, participated.

Quiet holiday

Acton was a quiet place on Canada's 100th birthday. Quiet and wet.

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11.00 a.m.—Morning Worship.
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SUNDAY, JULY 9, 1967
10.00 a.m.—Church School and Adult Class.
11.15 a.m.—Morning Worship. "Our Centennial Year."
No Evening Service during July and Aug.
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Wednesday, 7.30 p.m.—Prayer and Bible Study.
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