

Changes on '68 cars...

Car dealer inventories — in sharp contrast to the position at this time last year — are at healthier levels and, according to the Financial Post, some dealers complain they do not have enough 1967 cars on hand to satisfy demand.

The result is that the 1968 model year, which will begin one or two weeks earlier than normal, will probably get off to a good start — despite an almost certain increase in prices. There has been no industry announcement on prices but an increase — possibly around \$200 — is likely because of two factors: additional safety items; results of collective bargaining.

The 1968's will carry additional safety items, because Canadian plants now export a major portion of their

output to the U.S. and will be installing the safety features required by that country on all cars. Manufacturers think there would be consumer backlash if Canadians thought cars exported to the U.S. were safer than those retained for the domestic market.

The new safety features will include three (instead of two) sets of seat belts in front and back seats of six-passenger cars. There will also be a shoulder harness for the driver and passenger in front. Side marker lights will appear on front fenders at the sides.

Only non-projecting wheel nuts will be allowed. The instrument panel will have more padding and there will be a general cleaning up of knobs and projections.

Free Press Editorial Page

The subject is water...

Compared to some municipalities nearby where laws are passed to regulate the use of water, Acton is like an oasis in the desert. There's an abundance of good, spring water here and an excellent system to dispense it.

After years of misuse and a habit of accepting natural resources as part of our heritage, it's a bit of an awakening to realize what a valuable commodity water has become. In the middle east, many of the differences between the state of Israel and the Arab nations can be traced to it.

It is not so surprising, then, to see the subject debated so vigorously in the town council chambers when the subject of the south spring came up. The spring has not been fit for drinking for some years now and the town has an agreement with Beardmore and Co. to sell them the water for industrial purposes for nine cents a thousand gallons. Council at the time of the agree-

ment reasoned with some justification that it would be better for the spring to be reaping some rewards than setting there idle. Apparently, the cause of the spring going bad was fully investigated and there's reason to believe it could be caused by methods used by the company to dispose of effluent.

This is a subject which we don't care to debate. The company — Acton's largest and oldest — is obviously trying their best to solve a difficult problem. The jobs of almost 500 people depends on their success. The Ontario Water Resources Commission would make no commitment.

We couldn't help but agree with the reeve and some councillors when they maintain the other industries in town should receive the same consideration as Beardmore's. This was a little play for the grandstand from the reeve because we're not convinced yet, at any rate, that they aren't receiving it.

Cinderella story...

We've talked in these columns before of the importance of creating a good impression for visitors to town. The following story from the Strathroy Age-Dispatch corroborates most of what has been said:

"Kitchener Chamber of Commerce officials told a true story recently at an Ontario Industrial Development Council seminar.

"They reported a man walked into the Kitchener Chamber of Commerce office with overalls and mud-caked boots. Bewildered, he looked like he had come out of a gravel pit. The stranger asked for the industrial commissioner, but wouldn't give his name.

"Archie Gillies, the commissioner, appeared, ushered him into his office, closed the door, and didn't bother asking his name.

"Mr. Gillies knew instinctively from years of experience the man was either an industrial scout, a front man,

or an official of a company in disguise.

"He was right on at least one count. The stranger made a special trip to see some industrial land. Mr. Gillies donned his coat, got into his car with the stranger and showed him what the city and private developers had to offer. The industrial commissioner was thanked politely and informed "you might be hearing from me soon." That's all.

"The mystery man disappeared down the street. A couple of weeks later he returned, the whiskers were off and dressed in a business suit.

"In a short time, the city had acquired a new industry."

This is a little like a Cinderella story but it illustrates the importance of treating all visitors to town in a friendly way, overlooking first impressions. There could be something besides common courtesy at stake.



IT'S SUMMERTIME... an' the livin' is easy... as the old song goes. Life's just a bowl of fun for Acton youngsters who can find a dozen "fun" things to do to while away the summer hours. This trio of catfish-seeking, freckle-faced, barefooted anglers was so intent on

the game, they failed to perceive the photographer when he happened by. Ricky Holmes, Randy Barholemew and Walter Pettit didn't have an extra pole so he had to leave them to their pleasure and hotfoot it back to the office. (Staff Photo)

Sugar and Spice

by bill smiley



Every so often I experience an overwhelming urge to throw everything to the winds, run away, and become a middle-aged hippy.

Those kids have the world by the tail. With the rest of us, it's the world that has us by the tail, and does the twisting.

The hippies have abdicated from a society that has no reality for them, a society in which they see precious little love and honesty and a great deal of hate and hypocrisy. They have said "include me out," and in many ways I don't blame them.

So let them grow their hair and beards. Let them have love-ins and smoke grass and give each other flowers and refuse to work. They're harmless compared to many people and things that are highly respected in our society. But after the first, fine, careless rapture of seeing myself among the hippies, the cold wind of reason blows and I know I couldn't make the scene.

Oh, I could let the hair and beard sprout, get some purple pants and hide behind a pair of shades. I could look the part. But I'd never fit in. I don't have the hippy attitude or mentality or whatever it is. And it's all the fault of my parents.

They brain-washed me with a lot of Victorian clichés and puritan maxims that made me the warped, inhibited individual I am today. You know the sort of thing. Cleanliness. A rolling stone gathers no moss. A stitch in time saves nine.

Pure poppycock, most of it. Fortunately, our own children have not allowed themselves to become indoctrinated. Try that rolling stone thing on Kim and she just hoots and points out how many million records the Rolling Stones made this year. The only "Stitch in Time" she knows is a rock-n-roll group by that name, and she thinks they're great.

Equal partners

At first glance there does not appear to be very much in common between the recent riots in Detroit and the visit of French President Charles de Gaulle to Canada. And yet the two events have much more in common than most people realize.

To begin with, and this is the crux of the matter, both events stem from a fact that is unique to our twentieth century. And that is that the spiritual aspirations of a group of people have been continuously frustrated.

This frustration is caused, not by ill will nor by a desire to dominate, but simply through a lack of understanding on the part of the white Anglo-Saxon who has been brought up to believe that his way of doing things is the best way, and that if everyone were like him, all would be well in the world.

What these people want, and what other people all over the world want is simply to be accepted as equal partners in the human family, as they are, not as how we would have them be. — Forest Free Press.

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back issues

20 years ago

Taken from the issue of the Free Press of Thursday, August 21, 1947.

Work on the wartime housing block of 50 houses is now taking visible form. On Monday the contractors on the westmain started to install the main from Wallace St. to the new land. The contract for the erection of the houses has been awarded to George Construction Co. and officials of the company expect material will be on the site this week. Road and culvert construction will be done in conjunction with the laying of the main.

The barn and entire year's crop on the William Henry farm about a mile north of Brookville went up in smoke and flames. The fire spread so rapidly nothing could be done to check it.

The barn of Roy Hindley, popular local auctioneer, was completely burned to the ground when it was struck by a bolt of lightning during a storm. Grain and hay were lost but the stock was saved. It was feared for a time the house and driving shed would be lost.

It took the Oakville Intermediate B club four games to conquer Acton's Intermediate C entry and three games of bang-up baseball in order to retain their grasp on the Halton county championship. In the fourth and deciding contest Acton folded up like a wet blanket and lost their initial clutch on the laurels 7-2.

75 years ago

Taken from the issue of the Free Press of Thursday, August 25, 1892.

The first gathering under the auspices of the Central Mass Meeting Sunday School Association held in the park Friday afternoon was thoroughly successful although an experiment with no precedent. In addition to the large attendance from various Sabbath Schools in Acton there was representation from Osprings, Ballinad, Georgetown, Norval, Ashgrove, Limehouse, Speyde, Crewsons Corners and Nassagaweya, with 10 ministers present.

It is our sad duty to chronicle the death of an old and respected resident in the person of Mr. Thomas McLam. After a fall two years ago while engaged in work in his yard, he gradually sank until he died at the ripe old age of 82. Deceased was born at Eniskillin, Ireland; came to Canada at the age of 14 and settled at Niagara where he served his apprenticeship as a shoemaker. His union in 1846 was blessed by nine children, six of whom survive their aged parent. About the year 1860, Mr. McLam came to Acton where he opened a shoe shop.

In all probability Acton will next Tuesday see the greatest throng of visitors in her history for the Band Tournament and athletic games. Already about a dozen bands have entered for competition.

Every resident can assist. Let all flags be floated, evergreens hung and bunting be profusely displayed.

50 years ago

Taken from the issue of the Free Press of Thursday, August 24, 1917.

The tax rate levied at the meeting of council is the highest the ratopayers of this municipality have ever been called upon to pay. The heavy county rate and the claims of the patriotic fund coupled with heavier municipal expenditure than usual, necessitated levying the high rate of 30 mills on the dollar. However, it is considerably lower than that of many municipalities.

For several days Rockwood has been undergoing a genuine oil well excitement. Shortly after midnight on Friday the chopping mill of Walter Lawson at Stewart-town was destroyed by fire. He carried no insurance. The original mill was destroyed by fire nine or ten years ago.

Business interests have developed which make it desirable for Mr. D.M. Henderson to locate in Galt. He has disposed of his fine residence on Bower Ave. to Dr. McNiven. Both he and Mrs. Henderson and Kenneth and David will be missed.

Mr. W.K. Graham, manager of the Bank of Nova Scotia, was united in holy wedlock to Miss W. Ada Gardner of Walton. After a brief honeymoon trip to Toronto, they will be at home to friends in the pretty bungalow now being completed by Mr. Frank Sayers on Knox Ave. The members of Walker Lodge and their ladies tendered a reception to them. Many felicitous words were spoken. Bro. Harold Wildgust and Miss May Wildgust sang; Mrs. A.T. Brown gave recitations and W. Bro. John Wood gave enjoyable gramophone selections.

100 years ago

Taken from the issue of the Canadian Champion, August 22, 1867.

Agreeably to appointment the match between the Oakville and Milton Cricket Clubs came off on Saturday last at Oakville. The playing was very good all around, but the Oakville Club, not being in good practice this year, could not contend against the enormous score which was run up by the Milton Cricketers who won by one inning and 21 runs. Miltonians came home loud in praise of the hospitality which Oakville people always show to their visitors.

Another serious accident happened on Wednesday afternoon, in Milton, to a man named George McCutcheon, from near Streetville. He had been after a load of lime to the mountain in the morning, and while there his horses ran away, breaking the wagon, but not injuring him. The horses came to Milton and he followed them, and in the afternoon got another wagon to go after his broken one. The tongue of the wagon, it seems, was too short and the horses, getting frightened, started again. He was thrown violently out, but still holding the reins, he was dragged some distance along the ground, coming in contact with the wheels, which passed over his body several times. He was taken to Wallace Hotel, and Dr. Robertson was soon in attendance. He was found to be hurt over his right side, besides many other bruises, and it is feared that some serious internal injuries have been caused by the wheels.

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Church News

TRINITY CHURCH
(The United Church of Canada)
Minister:
Rev. Gordon B. Turner, B.A., B.D.
Organist: Mr. George Elliott, M.A., Ph.D.

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, AUGUST 27, 1967
Combined Summer Services in Knox Presbyterian Church. Preacher, Rev. Andrew H. McKenzie.
10.00 a.m.—Morning Worship.
11.15 a.m.—Churchill United Church (Churchill Rd. N.) Morning Worship.

BETH-EL CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH
Acton, Ontario.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 27, 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
81 Maple Ave., Georgetown
Pastor, Robert C. Lohnes

SUNDAY, AUGUST 27, 1967
9.45 a.m.—Sunday School.
11.00 a.m.—Morning Service.
7.00 p.m.—Evening Service.
Wednesday, 7.45 p.m. — Prayer meeting.
Acton 853-1956 Georgetown 877-6665

EVANGEL PENTECOSTAL TABERNACLE
P.A.O.C. 33 Churchill Road
Rev. S. M. Thomas, Pastor, 853-3715

SUNDAY, AUGUST 27, 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.

ACTON BAPTIST CHURCH
Founded 1842
Pastor: Rev. Stanley Gammon
Res., 144 Tideo Ave., Ph. 853-1615

SUNDAY, AUGUST 27, 1967
10.00 a.m.— Church School and Adult Class.
11.15 a.m.—Morning Worship. Speaker, Mr. Stewart Burnham of Guelph
No Evening Service during August.
Wednesday, 7.30 p.m.—Prayer and Bible Study in charge of Deacons.
Thursday, 7.30 p.m. — Choir Practice.
Thought for the week: "I was glad when they said, let us go unto the house of the Lord." Ps. 122:1

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, AUGUST 27, 1967
Trinity XIV
9.00 a.m.—The Holy Eucharist.
10.00 a.m.—Matins
This is the first occasion on which the parish has the pleasure of welcoming Mr. Tom Parry, Layreader of St. George's, Georgetown, who is in charge of the second service this morning. The Rector is at St. George's.



Centennial Picture Gallery



PROHIBITION... and the beer kegs were smashed on the streets in front of the town hall. The picture of this long-remembered day in Acton's history

was lent for this series by Charles Landsborough. Can anyone set the date, or name the bystanders?