

## A new bag of "goodies"

A provincial election has been called for October and the campaign is now in full flight. If our provincial bars are to be insulted with further regulations of "something for nothing" from all the political parties, the election is certain to be a frustrating exercise.

Too often in recent campaigns candidates and leaders have sought election on the basis of who can offer the biggest grab bag of "goodies". And too often electors swallow the line without digesting the previous meal of increased taxes to support the last package of give-aways.

Any promises of new deals in edu-

cation costs, of "breaks" on local taxes, and increased grants here and there should be eyed cautiously if the complaints about rising taxation are genuine.

Governments have only one source of income and the switching of revenue from one pocket to another or a change in bookkeeping is not sufficient to alter the fact it all comes from the people eventually.

Is the province's electorate yet mature enough to realize the substance with which government's promise to do this or that is simply the substance provided by the taxpayers?

## Free Press Editorial Page

### From pocket to pocket

How long can we fool ourselves about all those tax "breaks" the governments are giving us? Do we have the evidence in now that contradicts the old saw about fooling some of the people some of the time but not all of the people all of the time?

The Ontario Committee on Taxation has finally brought down its long-awaited report. It doesn't hide the fact that the grant-giving patterns of the province are quite complicated nor does it attempt to obscure the understandable theory that if reductions in one area of taxation are effected, increased costs in other directions are to be necessary.

The politically astute provincial government, however, has shifted the spotlight from the hard facts of the report to the area of plums. A property tax exemption on the first \$2,000 of assessment is to be instituted to reduce the plaint of the residential property owners. The province is to assume all costs of the administration of justice which is theoretically to also work to the advantage of the property owner.

The promise is also given that there is to be no new increases in taxes this year. And that of course is quite understandable with the great possibility of a provincial election this year.

It's a hard fact, but someday we have to come to the realization that governments do not generate money. Their only source of income is taxpayers. And while taxpayers grumble about the size of their property tax,

their sales tax, their company tax and the host of others, governments seemingly continue to bamboozle us with stories of what they are giving us or what "breaks" they are introducing.

The two moves on the recommendations of the Smith report will cost an additional 126 million dollars. The province has to locate the funds for this action and the hard realities of the Smith Report indicate quite clearly the funds will come from the taxpayers at the federal level or through new or increased provincial taxes.

That simply means that it hasn't yet been determined which pocket you'll have to put a little more tax money in. Some smaller amount is to be put in your town tax pocket, a little more perhaps in your sales (provincial) tax pocket or your income (federal and provincial) tax pocket. In the end it will likely mean a little less in the pocket from which you control expenditures directly.

It should not be forgotten, proposals in the Smith Report, less glamorous and less appealing, also called for raises in income taxes, gasoline, haircuts and other services.

If municipal tax bills drop it will be a temporary measure as the increasing demand for services continues and administrators see the gain as a chance to catch up on the pressing needs.

The more government we demand, the higher the price.

### A well made choice

The Progressive Conservative Party has chosen well in naming Bob Stanfield its leader.

He exudes a quiet confidence and an awareness of the times which were not always apparent with Mr. Diefenbaker.

We were disappointed in the retiring leader's sense of timing at the convention. He must surely have been aware, from the mood of the convention, that he was not destined to replace himself. Yet rather than stepping aside gracefully as he surely could have done in his first speech, he chose to confound delegates and confuse issues by allowing himself to be nominated. Had he chosen to withdraw during his first speech, the tumultuous ovation he received at the declaration of the winner would have been exceeded, and the delegates would have been given the opportunity for less complicated se-

lections. There was, of course, ample evidence that Mr. Diefenbaker is a capable and commanding speaker. Those features which cartoonists delight in caricaturing, are among the many assets of Mr. Diefenbaker and for many at the convention and watching it he provided a nostalgic look at one of Canada's greatest parliamentary figures.

Mr. Stanfield is a sharp contrast to Mr. Diefenbaker. From him we will expect a well-reasoned and positive approach to government. When he obtains the necessary seat in the federal house it may be that the proceedings will become a little less colorful but much more positive.

It may well be that this will be the approach that will restore some of the respect Canadians have lost for their country's legislators. We sincerely hope so.

## Centennial Picture Gallery



THE WAY TO COME to the fair years ago was by train, and the postcard lent by Charles Landsborough shows the turn-of-the-century activity when the train came in. Passengers and freight are transported by horse and carriage.



THE FIRST HINTS of fall frosts are in the air and leaves rustle in late summer winds, turn color and some drop prematurely from swaying branches. Fairy Lake, still serene where dredges have not touched, preserves its verdance but will soon have a riot of color around it as leaves don autumn colors.

(Staff Photo)

## Sugar and Spice

by bill smiley



"Don't worry. After this week, I won't say another word about Expo. But I wish every school child in the world could see it.

First time we ever saw the Expo site was about four years ago, on a trip to Quebec City. The fabulous fairlands of the Islands as they are today were piles of mud in the St. Lawrence then.

During those years, Canada's gloom and doom purveyors - and we are loaded with them - happily predicted that Expo would be the flop of the century.

After all, it was an all-Canadian production. Couldn't help but be a dismal failure. The prophets were appalled when it turned out to be the greatest show on earth. And it is.

Aside from the magnificent pavilions, Expo has an atmosphere, a flair, that may never be equalled. There is a gaiety, a courtesy, a lack of commercialism, that is like heavy wine, in this sour, ill-mannered, materialistic age.

Ah, the gaiety and courtesy with which we were given directions for getting home, our second night there! The parking attendants put us on the right road with ineffable Gallic charm. Half an hour later, the signs said we were heading not west for Ontario, but south-east for New Brunswick.

I stopped and asked for directions. The chap spoke no English. None. But my French was more than up to the crisis. I simply said, "We wanna go to Ontario Ou est la best route?" He replied directly and briefly, in no more than eight minutes of arm-waving, shrugging and fast French.

Just about then, thank goodness, there was a tremendous clang on the highway. A smash-up. Nobody hurt, but it did bring the cops. One of them gave me, in fast, polite and intelligible English, a route directive. We sped happily along until a sign announced that we were heading due east, for Quebec City.

I stopped at a bar. Three delightful chaps gave me three perfectly clear-cut means of getting turned around and headed west. An hour later, we found ourselves nearing the border of New York State. Home at 3:30 a.m.

Aside from a few little mis-adventures like that, our biggest trouble was girl-

watching. I don't suppose you could take a plot of ground the same size in the entire world and find one-tenth as many beautiful girls as there are at Expo. Normally, I wouldn't classify this sort of thing as "trouble".

But the girl-watching we did ruined the ordinary type. We spent hours and hours watching Kim. Or trying to. I'll swear she carried with her a package labelled "Instant Invisibility".

One minute she was right there at our elbow. But if we dared flick a glance at anything else, she had vanished into a crowd of over a quarter-million. Twenty frantic minutes later, we'd find her, calmly looking at something and completely uncaring about where we were. Thank God she's got red hair, or we'd still be muddling around down there, looking for her.

With just one to look after, I could only imagine the panic of those parents who were there with five kids darting in all directions. And there were thousands of families, down to three-week-olds, mulling and puking in their mother's arms.

Another problem with Kim was shoes. Going barefoot all summer she has acquired built-in leather soles. First day she wore shoes, balefully. Second day she stood them for an hour, carried them the rest of the day. Third day, she was happy in raggedy jeans, bare feet and no parents.

No point in my describing the pavilions. But trying to see them all, especially the big ones, is like trying to eat six big meals in a day, one right after the other.

If time is limited, nibble the hor d'oeuvre: rum and bongoes at the Haiti pavilion; the stuffed dodo bird at Mauritius; Princess Grace at Monaco. You are not allowed to nibble either Princess G or the dodo, but you get the idea.

If you've been, you know what I'm talking about. If you haven't, go. Cash in that insurance policy. You'll be a long time dead.

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### Editorial notes

Instead of locking doors with a key, a new device called a Dialoc allows it to be done with a finger, like opening a safe. Be difficult if you forget the combination.

"One of the most exciting and creative things about Canada is our social and cultural diversity. This gives Canadians a far broader opportunity of personal and national growth and fulfillment than could ever be found in cultural and social uniformity." — Prime Minister Lester B. Pearson, New Year's Message.

## Free Press back issues

### 20 years ago

Taken from the issue of the Free Press of Thursday, September 11, 1947.

At the annual meeting of Acton Boy Scout Association reports were presented and Chairman Mason presided. Committee named for the year were secretary-treasurer W. Middleton, Dr. G. A. Sirrs, Messrs. John Lambert, Johnny Goy, G. A. Dills, N. Baird, J. H. Reid, Nell Bowles and a representative from the Scout Mother's Association. Ken Hassard was appointed Scoutmaster and Rev. Capt. J. Anderson and Mr. D. McLean were appointed assistant scoutmasters. Prospective assistant scoutmasters were to be interviewed to assist Miss Esther Taylor.

Mr. Robert Kerr, R. R. 2, Acton, has won an impressive number of prizes for his hackney and wagon horses.

A bowling tournament drew a large crowd of interested spectators last Saturday as 16 rinks from seven towns played on Acton's bowling green.

Mr. R. N. Brown and Miss Margaret Brown entertained a number of friends at a farewell party for Rev. and Mrs. Ralston Brown of Clive, Alberta.

Prize lists for the fair are being issued by C. B. Swackhamer.

Knox Ladies' Aid held their annual picnic at the home of Mrs. R. L. Davidson. Winners of prizes were Mrs. Kennedy, Mrs. Mathews, Miss Isabel Anderson, Mrs. McLellan, Mrs. Davidson, Mrs. Hansen, Mrs. Ryder, Mrs. Brydon, Mrs. Hassard, Mrs. Blow, Mrs. Young, Mrs. Kennedy, Mrs. Somerville, Mrs. Denny.

Just three nights of dancing before Acton park pavilion closes for the season.

Mesdames Glosby, Ellery, Smotherst, Miller, F. Brown, Sanford, Ross and Benton were those from Limehouse W.I. attending the area convention in Guelph.

Mr. Chas. Thatcher and son have been making an addition to their warehouse on Main St. in Rockwood which will greatly accommodate them in their business.

Five new pupils enrolled at Osprings school, Myrna Armstrong, Marilyn Young, Glen Jackson, Jerry Fisher and John Akkon. The teacher is Mrs. Ruth Papple of Brantford.

Esquing council has opposed a pheasant hunt.

### Some specials: best loaf war bread, Acton Free Press for 6 mo., best lady driver \$3 by A. T. Brown; best high stepping horse in harness by George Edwards first, goods valued at \$5; best delivery horse first by Wm. Johnston \$3; best 10 lbs. butter in blocks, tea set, clock, dessert forks donated by the T. Eaton Co.; best 10 lb. strained honey by Dr. Bell \$2.50 cash, winner to delivery honey to door; best bushel spy apples \$2.50 by Dr. McInnis, donor to receive same; best bushel King apples, \$3 by H. P. Moore, apples to be delivered in November; best three bags potatoes, \$3 by Wm. Cooper, to receive same; largest potato 50 cents cash by Geo. Hynds; best window box of flowers in bloom, jardiniere value \$2 by Woodhall and McKay; best hand-knit white socks for soldiers, 5 lb. coffee value \$2.25.

The social function of the L.O.D.E. in honor of Mrs. D. M. Henderson who is to remove to Galt was held at St. Alban's rectory. Regent Mrs. C.H.E. Smith as assistant hostesses; Mrs. George Havill and Mrs. C.C. Henderson, Vice-Regents; Miss Minnie Bennett, Secretary; Mrs. George Chapman, Assistant Secretary; Mrs. W.J. Gould Echoes Secretary; Mrs. A.B. McLean Treasurer; Mrs. (Dr) Bell, Standard Bearer. Items of special interest were solos by Mrs. Harold Nicklin and a splendid paper on "Women's Place in the World" by Mrs. J.C. Wilson.

### 75 years ago

Taken from the issue of the Free Press of Thursday, September 15, 1892.

The Epworth League has arranged with Rev. Byron Laing for a grand phonographic Concert in the Methodist Church. The phonograph to be used on this occasion is one of Edison's very latest instruments many improvements on which have been only recently added. No rubber tubes are used. A large funnel upon the platform throws the sound over the whole audience. The phonograph is run by electricity and you hear the beautiful strains of military bands, the choice of the singers and the mellow tones of the piano upon the platform with remarkable distinction, while sitting in your seat. The programme is very entertaining and will comprise some twenty numbers. The phonograph is one of the great marvels of the age.

In order that all may have the opportunity of enjoying this unique concert, the League has decided to fix the admission at the very low price of ten cents, with thirty-five cents for family tickets.

The fellow who sends you circulars that you have fallen heir to a great estate in Europe is on deck again catching Canadian gauds.

The builders were never busier in Acton than they are at present.

Toronto is to have a new \$200,000 opera house.

### 50 years ago

Taken from the issue of the Free Press of Thursday, September 13, 1917.

Acton Fall Fair 1917! Tues. and Wed. Sept. 25, 26. Open to the WORLD! Large revised prize list! Splendid list of specials. Acton Citizens' Band. Trials of speed on the track. Single fares on the railroads. Grand Concert second night.

## Free Press Church Notices

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

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 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.).  
2.00 p.m.—Inter-Faith Service, Acton Community Centre. All Welcome

**BETH-ELI CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH**  
Acton, Ontario.

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 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, SEPTEMBER 17, 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. Thoman, Pastor, 852-2715

**SPECIAL SERVICES**  
Services each night Tuesday through Friday at 8 p.m. with a message to the church through teaching the Word of God. Guest speaker, Rev. Edwin Martin.

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 1967**  
10.00 a.m.—Sunday School.  
11.00 a.m.—Morning Worship.  
7.00 p.m.—Evangelistic Worship.  
Rev. Martin speaking at both services. Special music and singing by The Wilsons.  
Tuesday, Sept. 19, 8 p.m. — Prayer Service and Bible Study.  
Thursday, Sept. 21 at 8 p.m. — Christ Ambassadors.

**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, SEPTEMBER 17, 1967**  
9.45 a.m.—Church School for Ages 3-15.  
11.00 a.m.—Divine Worship.  
Sermon Theme: "The Handwriting on the Wall".  
2.00 p.m.—At Acton Community Centre: Centennial Inter-Faith Service of Worship. Guest Preacher: The Rev. John R. Waldie, M.A., B.D., Toronto. Entire community invited most cordially.

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

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 1967**  
10.00 a.m.—Church School and Adult Class.  
11.15 a.m.—Morning Worship. "Believe and Receive".  
2.00 p.m.—Inter-Faith Service at Arena.  
7.00 p.m.—Evening Service. Service for Orange Order. Black Perceptory.  
Wednesday, 7.30 p.m.—Prayer and Bible Study  
Thursday, 7.30 p.m. — Choir Practice.  
Text: "He that hath my Word, let him speak My Word faithfully." Jer. 23: 28.

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

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 1967**  
Trinity XVII  
9.00 a.m.—The Holy Eucharist.  
10.30 a.m.—Church School  
10.30 a.m.—Holy Eucharist and church school commencement exercises.  
Guest Preacher: The Rev. D. Dittich  
September 20 — Ember Day of Prayer for Christian Vocations  
10.00 a.m.—Holy Eucharist  
September 21—The Feast of St. Matthew  
10.00 a.m.—Holy Eucharist