

Election on the doorstep...

Before the next issue of this newspaper is put to bed Ontario will have either re-elected the Progressive Conservative government or given the mandate to one of either the Liberal or N.D.P. parties.

Signs at this writing point to a return to power of the P.C.'s with a reduced majority. Split of votes between the N.D.P.'s and Liberals will prove the undoing of voters who'd like to see the entrenched Tories defeated.

What's going to happen in Halton West? Unless P.C. supporters get over-confident and fail to support George Kerr at the polls with their votes, the new riding will see its old member returned. If they don't, there could be an upset with either Jack Lush or Ted MacDonald representing the riding.

Halton East has three new candidates, Jim Snow for the P.C.'s, Robin Skuce, Liberal and Bill Gillies for the N.D.P.; the latter contested the last election in the old riding of Halton. Sentiment favors the P.C.'s here but votes could topple sentiment.

If you're seeking guide lines from these columns before casting your vote, better look somewhere else. Last week's editorial about residents of the north end being more selective drew some response, most of it approbation. One was not so salutary.

George Kerr was in to point out he and his government had and would continue to give much attention to this area if re-elected. He said Highway 25, the Fairy Lake dredging, widening of Queen St. and other shared government expenses were a good indication this area is not neglected.

If re-elected, Mr. Kerr said he will have Highway 25 from Acton to Ospringe rebuilt if he does nothing else. It wouldn't be fair to ask the other candidates now, what improvements they have in mind for this neck of the woods because there's not an issue till after election results are tallied. However, you could poll them personally.

Next Thursday night a Meet the Candidates night at the high school will be a good chance.

Greene speaking...

The Honorable J. J. Greene, Canadian Minister of Agriculture, is noted for his salty speeches which usually have a lot of common sense in them. In a recent address to the Nova Scotia Agricultural College, he was at his best with some anecdotes to illustrate points he wanted to bring out. We think they are worth repeating.

Talking about the constant rush today, he reminded listeners all of us should make a practice of slowing down periodically. Modern man spends too much time hurrying and scurrying, said Joe. He's not always sure just where he is going, but he's in a feverish hurry to get there.

This, says Mr. Greene, even shows up in our communications. They are often abbreviated beyond sense. For example:

A few years ago, a Washington government survey was carried out on the migration of birds. Attached to the tiny legs of thousands of birds were little metal strips which read: "Notify Fish and Wildlife Division, Washington Biological Survey". However, they abbreviated "Washington Biological Survey" to "Wash. Biol. Surv." The metal strip then read: "Notify Fish and Wildlife Division, Wash. Biol. Surv."

A few months later, they received a note from a Canadian farmer which said: "Gents: I shot one of your crows last week and did what you said. I washed it, bled it, and served it.—It was bloody awful."

Sky high interest rates...

Minor pandemonium has been the immediate financial reaction to Ottawa's abrupt jumping of the interest rate on National Housing Act mortgages to an 8 1/2% maximum from 7 1/4%. The Financial Post comments:

Borrowing costs in general have edged up in response and somewhat higher interest on savings may also be the result. However, when the political smoke clears and financial markets settle down, strong plus factors could emerge. The Financial Post says that Ottawa is at least now out of the subsidy business for middle class housing and firmly into the subsidization of more urgent needs.

The fact is there isn't a housing crisis in Canada as a whole. But there is a crisis in low-cost housing for low-income families in Vancouver, Toronto and Montreal. The Financial Post comments that if overall interest rates now rise substantially, the 8 1/2% maximum on NHA loans won't bring out fresh supplies of mortgage money.

But if the government's belief is that interest rates will stabilize — and if it is willing to slow spending to see that they do — then confidence and money will return to the mortgage market. That is the government's gamble. And, unlike most players, Ottawa has the power to make the wheel stop close to the numbers, it has selected.

Dr. Harry Harley, Halton M.P., was the second Liberal party member to publicly criticize the government's increase in the interest rate. In an interview, he said the people who need help are those who are above the median income range, where they can qualify for public housing, but do not

Mr. Greene advocates lots of sleep and profitable use of leisure time. For instance, leisure is a time to read good books and since time can either be your best friend or worst enemy, you have no moral right to read trash.

Leisure is also a time for escape, says he. Leonardo Da Vinci gave this excellent advice:

"Every now and then, go away, have a little relaxation, for when you come back to your work, your judgment will be surer, since to remain constantly at work will cause you to lose your power of judgment... go some distance away because your work appears smaller, and more of it can be taken in at a glance, and a lack of harmony or proportion is more readily seen."

Now you don't have to go to Leonardo Da Vinci for that kind of sound advice. I once knew an old gentleman, said the Minister of Agriculture, who had never gone more than 20 miles from his home. He was comfortably off and not too busy, also a bit bored. His mental horizons were rather limited.

One day I talked him into taking a trip to Yellowstone National Park. The change of scenery, I argued, would open his eyes and widen his horizons. As I was leaving, I said: "Don't forget Old Faithful." "I won't," he promised, "I'm taking her with me."

On that note, we will leave the Minister of Agriculture, hoping he will continue to keep the country laughing.

earn enough to move into the NHA or conventional mortgage field.

Dr. Harley feels the present NHA ceiling of \$18,000 on new house mortgages and \$10,000 on existing houses should be raised. He also wants to see more direct government spending in the public housing field:

"Central Mortgage and Housing may have to embark on a program similar to that of the wartime houses when 50,000 houses were constructed to meet the emergency — during and right after the war," he said.

This was a view published in these columns months ago and one we still feel is logical.



COUNTRY ROADS lead to a wonderland of brilliant foliage. Days ahead promise more color. Every rise and turn presents another portrait of the Canadian countryside which cannot be equalled

at any other season. It's good to be alive in October, with clear blue skies and brilliant sunshine adding zest to living.

(Staff Photo)



Sugar and Spice

by bill smiley

There's an old superstition that things, good or bad, run in sequences of three. I'm inclined to respect it.

During the war, casualties on my squadron always seemed to follow the pattern. We'd lose a pilot today, perhaps two the next day, then none for a week. Then three more.

It happened to me. One day I was shot to ribbons by flak. Had to land at 140 miles an hour. No flaps, no brakes. Fortunately, I remembered a movie. Jammed on throttle, jumped on the rudder, and groundlooped just short of a nasty ditch.

Two days later, I had a bomb hang-up and had to land with a 500 lbs. bomb, fused and ready to go, dangling from my left wing. That was the smoothest landing ever made in World War II. The only thing that was a bit disconcerting was that the control tower made me land, not on the landing strip, but on the grass beside it, so that I wouldn't ruin their runway when I blew up.

The very next day I was shot down.

This business of things happening in threes is still going on. Monday the furnace goes on the blink. Tuesday, your wife gets ugly about the garbage or something. Wednesday, some jerk creases your car in the parking lot.

Even the good things come in threes. And that's what happened to me this week. Three delightful opportunities for the weekend, and I can take in only one of them. Sickenin'.

First of all, I signed up to help supervise a trip to Expo from our school. This in itself should prove a fairly hairy experience. Can't you see me marching up and down the halls of a monastery in the middle of the night, in my pyjamas and raincoat, trying to prevent boys from being boys, and girls from being girls?

P'd just committed myself to this when old Australian buddy, "Dutch", phoned to remind me that this was the weekend of that ancient and honorable bash known as the Canadian Fighter Pilots' reunion. Same

place, Montreal. And he had booked me on a flight to and from the flesh pots of that fair city.

I was sorely tempted to withdraw from the kiddies' excursion, go to the wing-ding and take two weeks to get over it as usual. But my wife said "You're not going. You always come home looking like a skeleton." And that was that.

Resigned, and feeling quite noble, I was packing my stuff for the Expo trip, and patting myself on the back for doing my duty, rather than my pleasure, when number three came up. An invitation to be a judge in a beauty contest on Saturday.

This is one I've been waiting for for years. I've judged essay contests, public speaking contests, apple pie contests at the fall fair, and for three years have been a judge for the Leacock Award for humor.

But I've never had a chance to just sit there and gawp at those cute kids, leering inside and pretending I chose the winner because of her talent, rather than the way she parts her chest.

All I can say is, "Shucks!" And all I need now is for Mike Pearson to call up and say I've been appointed to the Senate, provided I can be there Saturday morning to be sworn in.

Oh, I haven't given up entirely. I could go with the kids to Expo, slide over to the fighter pilots' party, skip the bus ride home and catch a plane to the beauty contest.

But I think they'd probably bury me the next day. On the other hand, that might not be a bad idea. I'm not long for this world anyway. Not unless my wife cools it out a bit about going to college.

Last Friday night she came home all fired up about her course. At 4 a.m. Saturday, I was reading the part of Socrates in Plato's Dialogues. And had to rise at seven to get Kim to her bus for music lesson.

Centennial Picture Gallery

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VIEW OF ACTON IN 1919 FROM AN AEROPLANE

— Loaned by J. Smith

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20 years ago
Taken from the issue of the Free Press of Thursday, October 9, 1947.

Favored with delightful fall weather the 1947 Fair established another record of achievement, although hall exhibits haven't come back to pre-war levels. President Howard Switzer welcomed the crowd.

Messrs R. R. Parker and Johnny Gray had charge of the arena performance Friday and the horse jumping was the first item with a concert by Acton Boys' and Girls' Band. Better artists have never appeared, and the midway was well-patronized. On Saturday, the band led the parade of school children.

Winners of the Home and Garden Improvement contest were Chas. Holmes, Colin McColl, R. F. Chandler, Chas. Mason, William Landsborough and H.V. Dron.

Forty-seven babies were entered in the Baby Show and the winners were Sharon White, Melvin McIsaac, Janice Miron, William Cook, Carolyn Wright, Kenneth McIsaac, Karen and Bryan Johnson.

Best toll carriage — Donnie Price, Marilyn Rogvaldson, Joan Courtney, Beverly Price; bicycles, Betty Wilds, Ron Coleman, Anne McLaughlin; oldest married couple Mr. and Mrs. George Chapman.

50 years ago
Taken from the issue of the Free Press of Thursday, October 11, 1917.

The ladies of the L.O.D.E. spent Monday afternoon at the Parish Hall preparing and packing Christmas parcels for the 29 or 30 men of the 164th Battalion from Acton who are now overseas.

Knox Church Guild had a splendid evening's program on Tuesday. Musical numbers were given by Messrs. Harry Stuckey and Alex Shand on guitar and violin, Misses Graham and McClure and Messrs James Smith and Thomas McClure in vocal quartettes and a solo by Miss Jeannie Orr, a piano solo by Miss May Wildgust and readings by Miss Daisy Folster, and Margaret Wilson.

James Symon is installing a new gasoline supply tank. The last of the seven story dry lofts at the tanneries is now being torn down. The drying systems have been modernized and improved, and the old lofts having become obsolete are gradually being torn down.

Mrs. John Stalker has received word that Corp. Fred Wright has been admitted to hospital in France having been "gassed". "He is very unwell but we are hopeful." Corp. Wright left Acton with the First Contingent in 1914. He has had a wonderful career at the front and escaped any serious injury until he was gassed this month. Even the bagpipes and Scottish dancing at Georgetown fair was better than the third rate race horses which scooped up so much money at Acton Fair.

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, OCTOBER 15, 1967
Trinity XXI
9:00 a.m.—The Holy Eucharist.
10:30 a.m.—Church School
10:30 a.m.—Holy Eucharist.

BETH-EL CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH
Minister — Rev. P. Brouwer
Acton, Ontario.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15, 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 a.m. Everyone Welcome

MAPLE AVENUE BAPTIST CHURCH
81 Maple Ave., Georgetown
Pastor: Robert C. Lohnes

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15, 1967
WORLD MISSION CONFERENCE
October 15 through October 18
Maple Ave. Baptist Church
Guest Speakers
Sunday 11 a.m. — 7 p.m.
Rev. Gerald Morehouse.
Monday 7:45 p.m.—Rev. Jack Bart, Rev. George Bracham.
Tuesday, 7:45 p.m.—Mr. and Mrs. F. Pettit-Clare.
Wednesday, 7:45 p.m.—Rev. Charles Tipp, Rev. St. Clair Robinson
Special Music and Displays throughout
—A Friendly Welcome Awaits You.
Acton 853-1956 Georgetown 877-6665

EVANGEL PENTECOSTAL TABERNACLE
P.A.O.C. 33 Churchill Road
Rev. S. M. Thoman, Pastor, 853-2715

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15, 1967
10:00 a.m.—Sunday School.
11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship.
7:00 p.m.—Evangelistic Worship.
Tuesday, 8 p.m. — Prayer Service and Bible Study.
Thursday, at 8 p.m. — Christ Ambassadors.

75 years ago
Taken from the issue of the Free Press of Thursday, October 13, 1892.

The annual exhibition of Eramosa Agricultural Society in Rockwood on Tuesday was very successful. The enlarged building and improved track added much to the general interest of the show. The concert in the evening was quite an event and a success.

Mr. W. R. Kenney has moved to his fine new residence on Church St. Mr. Joseph McClure has also taken possession of his new brick residence on the same block.

A branch of the Chataqua Literary and Scientific Circle has been organized in Acton with the purpose of taking the prescribed four year course of study. Acton members will meet weekly in the homes of the members. Officers are — President Rev. J. S. Edge; Vice-Pres. Dr. Uren; Secretary Miss Lottie Speight; Programme Committee H. P. Moore, Mrs. Uren, Mrs. Moore and Miss Maggie Brown.

The Grand Concert in the Town Hall was a decided success. The programme opened with the Overture Bridal Rose played by Sig. Glionna's orchestra whose playing far surpassed anything in the instrumental line ever heard in this town. The lady vocalist of the evening, Miss A. Delamere Burrows sang some rather time-worn songs and it is a matter of regret that her personal appearance showed a carelessness as to details of dress that was hardly in keeping with the other artists, nor was it complimentary to the audience. Mr. Frank Wright billed as the Irish Comique, hardly came up to expectations. Our own Mr. Beardmore sang in a very finished manner.

100 years ago
Taken from the issue of The Canadian Champion, Milton, October 10, 1867.

A School for Instruction of Volunteers in Cavalry Drill has been opened in Toronto, with Col. Jenyns as commandant, and one of the officers of the 13th Hussars as adjutant. It will be of great benefit to this important arm of the service.

The Fall Show in connection with the Nassagaweya Agricultural Society was held at Hallowville on Tuesday. The day being clear and pleasant, there was a large turnout of people, both old and young, who all seemed bent on having a holiday, and who, judging by their pleasant countenances, evidently enjoyed themselves to the full. The horses, stock and implements were shown in a field directly opposite Mr. Lyons' Hotel, and the grain roots etc. in a suitable building in rear of the hotel. The excellent arrangements of the secretary and directors, in conjunction with a proper division of labor among the judges, facilitated business very much, and long before sunset the work was done, the prizes were awarded, the people began to wend their way homeward, and everything passed off in the most satisfactory manner.

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

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15, 1967
Layman's Sunday
10:00 a.m.—Trinity United
Preaching: Mr. Alan Lauder
11:30 a.m.—Churchill United
Preaching: Mrs. Robt. Kerr.

SUNDAY SCHOOL
10:00 a.m.—Junior School (to Gr. 4).
11:15 a.m.—Senior School (Gr. 5 to Gr. 8).

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

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 15, 1967
125th ANNIVERSARY 125th
11:15 a.m.—Morning Worship.
Rev. Wade Jumper, B.A., B.D., Guest Speaker "And He Blessed Them."
7:00 p.m.—Evening Service
Rev. Wade Jumper, Speaker "According To Thy Word."
Evening Soloist, Mrs. Ruth Maxwell, of Guelph.
A Welcome to All to these Services
Wednesday, 7:30—Prayer & Bible Study.
Thursday, 6:30—Explorers.
Thursday, 8:00—Choir Practice.
Friday 7:00 p.m.—B. H. F. meets.
A Century and a Quarter of Witness

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, OCTOBER 15, 1967
9:45 a.m.—Church School for ages 3 to 15 years.
11:00 a.m.—Divine Worship. Sermon Theme: "The Abolition of the Lally."
2:30 p.m.—Presbytery of Brampton Survey in Erindale.
Everyone Most Welcome