

## Charge to phone Milton ...

Perhaps you read in the news columns where Milton will be included in the free calling area for Georgetown telephone users and vice versa.

We're surprised the same service isn't supplied to Acton telephone subscribers so the North Halton area would be blanketed.

Users of the Acton exchange can dial to either Georgetown or Rockwood now free of charge but calls to Milton — where many of the county's services are situated — still carry a long distance charge.

Perhaps the telephone company has steered away from any changes in the Acton free calling area because of the effect a proposal to include Guelph in

it had a few years ago. Subscribers here generally opposed it because the number of calls from here to Guelph did not merit a large increase in rates. There was also some feeling about the influence on town businesses.

However, Milton with so many county services such as Halton Manor, agricultural and welfare offices, county administration, etc., is a horse of a different color. A free calling area for all three North Halton towns would complete the free calling triangle.

A change in rates for a free calling area between Acton and Milton would surely only be minimal when compared with a similar set-up between Acton and Guelph.

## Free Press Editorial Page

## Clean-up on the Credit ...

The Ontario Water Resources Commission reports that the Credit River, once one of the dirtiest, is now one of the cleanest rivers running through the major industrial centres of Southern Ontario.

This report, from the source of the movement to clean-up pollution in Ontario, is a light pat on the back for the Commission's efforts to restore the pristine purity of this province's streams. It is one success story in many yet to come.

The clean-up, still improving the river, was attributed to new sewage plants and co-operation in not dumping waste.

There is still some trouble spots in the Credit and its tributaries — industrial and municipal. Pinpointed they belong to Acton and Orangeville. Chloride from hide-salting which discharges into the Black Creek from Beardmore and Co. is still polluting. Hopefully the problem is being solved by adding dilution water at the point of discharge.

Orangeville's trouble stems from overloading at the O.W.R.C.-owned

sewage-plant. Bigger and better facilities are being built to correct the situation.

A ten-year study by the O.W.R.C. shows the pollution level has fallen drastically in that time. It does not yet, however, indicate the Credit has been restored to the same condition it was in when Mother Nature and a few Indians tended it.

The Credit was named, according to folklore, because Indians met along its banks to barter with the white man. This often meant receiving "credit" for their pelts or salmon which made the river a fisherman's dream.

One day perhaps it will again be the sparkling stream that cascaded from the Caledon hills to the rich clay and loam of the vast dairyland below, before emptying into Lake Ontario.

It will take much vigilance as population pressures increase but what has been done indicates the battle against pollution and indifference to its fate is being won.

## From sitter to police ...

The following appeared in the Y's Guys' Noos, the newsy bulletin published by the Acton Y's Men, and edited by G. W. "Pat" McKenzie. It needs no explanation.

"Once there was a small boy who, at three weeks of age, was turned over to a baby sitter.

"On his second birthday his parents dressed him as a cowboy and gave him a gun.

"At age three, visitors thought he was cute when he could repeat the TV beer commercials.

"At age six, his dad occasionally dropped him off at Sunday School on his way to the golf course.

"At age eight, his folks bought him a BB gun and taught him to shoot sparrows. He learned how to shoot windshields by himself.

"At age 10, he spent after school time squatting at the corner news stand reading comic books, partly because mother wasn't home.

"When he was 13, he told his folks that other boys stayed out late, so his parents said he could too — it seemed easier that way.

"At age 15, the police called his home one night to say that they had their boy and he was in very serious

trouble. "In trouble?" screamed his father, "It can't be our boy." And the mother cried out, "How could her little boy have gone wrong?" "But it was — and he had."

## News report — Close Acton station



STOP! STOP! YOU'RE SUPPOSED TO STOP

## Sugar and Spice

by bill smiley

Oh boy! I know every man leads a life of quiet desperation, according to Thoreau. I'd settle for that, if mine were even quiet.

This has been one of those days that make me wonder how the heck I can be the sweet, gentle person I am underneath.

It started at five a.m., when the Old Lady's alarm clock failed to go off. She had checked it four times between 11 p.m. and 5 a.m., switching on the light and waking me up each time. At 4.45 she settled into a sound sleep and woke with a great lurch and a scream of dismay at 5.30. She takes off for the city at 6.

Scrambling. Tea and toast. Eyes like rubbed sandpaper. Turned on the outside light. Six inches of fresh snow, first of the year. More scrambling, for winter boots, long laid away in some hidey-hole.

Shoved her into the snow and tottered about from 6 until 8.30, having cups of tea, shaves and anything else that was reviving. Off into the bilzard with Kim. No snow tires, naturally. Was going to put them on this week.

Taught all day. Committee meeting at 3.15. Department heads' meeting at 3.30 until 4.30. Column to write but went around to the garage to get the snow tires on. Three hundred other people had the same idea.

Home at six. Two kids (that useless Hugh's home) sitting listening to records, with the breakfast dishes in the sink. Blew up. Got the dinner organized and a few home truths off my chest.

But no rest. Out into the bleak night for another meeting at 7.30. Lasted until 10. Accomplished? Zero.

Home at last for peace, quiet, relaxation. Kim hit me the minute I got in. A proposition. She's been asked to play the organ with a rock group. It seems the in thing for groups these days is to have a girl in them. She'd also sing.

No catches whatever. Except that she'd have to buy an organ for \$150 and spend about 20 hours a week practising. Nothing to it. She has a hundred in the bank from summer earnings. She could easily borrow the other \$50 from the bank.

Brief lesson in economics. "What do you have for security?" She wanted to know what that was. I explained that if you have \$5,000 in government bonds, the bank will lend you \$50. Maybe.

The only assets she could think of were: her bicycle, leaning against a tree in the snow in the backyard, unriden for three years; a portable record-player with a broken arm; a guitar that was worth \$40 in its hey-day, ten years ago; and "her" piano, which I pointed out was owned by her mother.

"But do you know how much this means to me, Dad?"

"Yes, and now get to bed."

Lip stuck out about three inches, she remembered to inform me that her mother had called while I was out, and wanted to talk to me. It was 16 hours since I'd seen her.

Since my wife went back to college, my phone bill looks like the national debt of Egypt. But I called her. Fortunately, she was in a terse, taciturn mood. Talked for only 20 minutes.

Went off at 11 p.m. to attack the column, while Hugh was brewing up a little snack for himself consisting of onions, cheese, beans and salami, all in the same pot.

Got a couple of hundred words of soggy prose down, and he came up and interrupted me, for a chat about his prospects. Which are nil.

Worked until two, and I might just as well have been watching television, or sleeping, because it turned out to be a lousy column, as you have just discovered.

Just to top off the day, checked the closet and found I didn't have a clean shirt for tomorrow. Said, "Gosh darn it," and hit the sack.

## Editorial Notes

A small question is how "friendly" a friendly village remains after it has been plastered by "friendly" bombs.

In a real dry spell, even a big black cloud may be lying.

## Free Press

## back issues

### 20 years ago

Taken from the issue of the Free Press of Thursday, November 20, 1947.

Seldom do so many friends gather as did on Tuesday at the Johnstone and Ramley funeral home to pay tribute to those bright young people, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Norton, who died from exposure near Sioux Lookout. Rev. Louis Pickering of the United Church was in charge of the funeral service and was assisted by Rev. Capt. John Anderson of Knox church. Floral tributes filled every space around the two caskets.

Her parents and brother are en route from England.

Trophies of the hunting season are coming back with the hunters, but Wilmer Watkins is the first to bring back a fine black bear. He and Ed Jennings were hunting at Maynooth in Hastings county. The bear has been much admired as it hung in front of Acton Garage.

Dr. W.G.C. Kenney is making favourable progress in hospital following an operation. His office is regrettably closed.

Miss Frances Dills received her B.A. degree at Convocation Hall, Toronto.

Election in Acton on Dec. 1 and voting on the Band By-law. It's your turn to help a little with public recognition and the amount is small.

Moving pictures were shown Thursday evening in Rockwood, Joan Fontaine in The Duke of West Point and Trail of the Royal Mounted.

Mr. G.C. Amos of Moffat is in the United States attending fairs and sales in the capacity of judge and evaluator.

### 50 years ago

Taken from the issue of the Free Press of Thursday, November 22, 1917.

The Toronto-Hamilton cement highway through this county will be officially opened Saturday. Premier Hearst will officiate. Action was taken during the week on the various applications which came before the Exemption Tribunal. (There followed a column and a half of the names of the men who were exempt from service.)

A splendidly hearty reception was tendered two of our returned heroes last Friday evening by our citizens. Lance-Corporal A.W. Larrive and Pte. Fred Williams had both arrived home during the week and a joint welcome was accorded them. They were escorted by automobiles and the band to the town hall where they were accorded a salvo of ringing cheers. Gold watches were presented to them on behalf of our citizens by H.P. Moore, J.P. and Rev. Mr. Wilson. Both gave interesting incidents of their experiences before they were sent to

"Blighty" incapacitated.

Pte. Williams still has a piece of shrapnel in his anatomy. Splendid addresses followed by Rev. S.E. Large, James Lindsay Esq., of the Exemption Tribunal and J. R. Kennedy Esq., of the Victory Loan canvassing committee.

The L.O.D.E. will sew for the soldiers at Mrs. W.V. Collier's on Monday.

Mr. John B. MacKenzie's little daughter who was struck by an airplane at Georgetown and rendered unconscious is all right again.

### 75 years ago

Taken from the issue of the Free Press of Thursday, November 24, 1892.

During the past year or so some three electric light companies have sought and obtained permission from Council to erect poles for electric lighting purposes on our streets. As yet, however, none of the companies have taken advantage of the privilege granted and Acton continues to struggle along with her coal oil lamps. There would surely be satisfactory return for the capitalists from such an investment.

W.H. Speight has purchased from H.H. Worden his pretty terra cotta residence on the corner of Park and Lake Ave. The consideration was \$1,100. This is one of the neatest and most comfortable houses in town. Thomas Perryman Sr. has secured the property on Mill St. occupied by Alex Grant for \$825 and will put it in better repair and improvise a shop for Miss Perryman's fancy goods business.

### 100 years ago

Taken from the issue of the Canadian Champion, November 21, 1867.

A young man with a German accent came to Milton on Monday and although poorly dressed seems to have plenty of greenbacks, which he gave away freely for clothing, revolvers, fancy pocketbooks, whiskey, straight, etc. Buying a loaded cane, he proceeded to smash windows about town, among others 16 large panes at the Town Hall. He was therefore lodged in jail and is to be tried before his Worship Mayor Smith today at 10 p.m.

An attempt to form a Farmers' Club in Esqueping is being made. The preliminary meeting was held yesterday. We trust that it will be well supported, and would like to see these clubs for mutual improvement formed in every municipality.

After all the loud talking, the 14 days of grace after the opening of the session have been allowed to expire, and Mr. White holds his seat without dispute.

## Free Press

## Church Notices

### 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, NOVEMBER 26, 1967  
Sunday next before Advent

9:00 a.m.—The Holy Eucharist.  
Cocoa and rolls will be served following the Eucharist and a movie of interest to teenagers will be shown.  
All teenagers are welcome

10:30 a.m.—Church School  
10:30 a.m.—Matins and Sung Litany.  
10:00 a.m., Wed., Nov. 29—Holy Eucharist for mothers with young children and shift workers, followed by coffee and a movie

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

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 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: Rev. Robert C. Lohmes

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 1967  
Here is our sincere invitation to the whole family to attend church.  
9:45 a.m.—Sunday School. All ages  
11:00 a.m.—Morning Service "The Completed Man"  
7:00 p.m.—Evening Evangel  
7:45 p.m.—Wednesday. Prayer Meeting  
Acton 853-1956 Georgetown 877-6665

ACTON BAPTIST CHURCH  
Founded 1942  
Pastor: Rev. Stanley Gemmon  
Res. 144 Tildy Ave., Ph. 853-1615

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 1967  
11:15 a.m.—Morning Worship. "Thy Word Is Sure"  
Evening service cancelled in order to attend Knox Anniversary Service.  
Wednesday, 7:30—Prayer & Bible Study.  
Thursday, 6:30—Explorers.  
Thursday, 8:00—Choir Practice.  
Friday 7:00 p.m.—B. H. F. meets.

### 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, NOVEMBER 26, 1967

Sermons on subject: "The Kingdom of God — Present and Future"

10:00 a.m.—Trinity United (Nursery provided)

11:30 a.m.—Churchill United, Churchill Rd. North

SUNDAY SCHOOL

10:00 a.m.—Junior School (to Gr. 4).

11:15 a.m.—Senior School (Gr. 5 to Gr. 8).

EVANGEL PENTECOSTAL TABERNACLE

P.A.O.C. 33 Churchill Road

Rev. S. M. Thoman, Pastor, 853-2715

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 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.

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, NOVEMBER 26, 1967

9:45 a.m.—Church School for ages 3 to 15 years.

9:45 a.m.—Membership Class withdrawn this Sunday.

11:00 a.m. and 7:30 p.m.—122nd Anniversary Services. Guest Preacher: Rev. David R. Nicholson, B.A., B.D., of Campbellville. Special music by Choir. Guest Soloist: Mrs. Lois Klein, Guelph. Friends from other churches invited to evening service.

Everyone Most Welcome

This is an invitation to attend the Church of your choice on Sunday.



## Centennial Picture Gallery



LIMBHOUSE OF YEARS AGO is recalled by these pictures from the Neil Benton collection. The general view shows Benton's store to the right. The home of the Moore family on the third line was built by Thos. Gowdy about 1877.

John Moore lived there for some 30 years before Wm. Gowdy moved in, July 1906. He bought the house in 1929 and sold it to G. A. France, Toledo in 1942. The Gowdy's moved to Acton Sept. 1943.

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