

MEMORIES

Dear Hartley,

Was quite surprised to see the picture in the last issue of the Free Press. Didn't realize that Edna had that one. My companion, on that momentous day of the first bus, was Glen Ryder. The "Photos of the Past" bring back many good memories. The photo of the girls ball team was especially good. Had a letter from the former Jean Smith, a few months ago. We were all in the old Acton Convent School then. What a marvelous time of our life.

Keep up the good work. The Free Press is second to none. I am working with the Indians on this, the only unceded reserve in Canada. Quite a little history connected with that unceded part. Will enclose this in old Christmas card which had been used by the Turners of Little Current. I still meet people from Little Current who know and are friends of Bob MacArthur. Bob and I were in Grade 8 & 9 together in Acton.

Well, Hartley, again all the best to you and your folks. Give my regards to one and all at the Free Press and I hope that Henry Davau is again on his feet, feeling, fit and happy.

Sincerely Yours,
(Bro.) Norm Hinton, S.J.

1030 Nanton Ave.,
Vancouver 9, B.C.

Dear Sir:

I am a tired Canadian. I'm tired of the stob and the mob; of the Yankee-hater and Bible-batter; the Peacenik, Vietnak and every other ilk who thinks he can break the law and get a medal for doing so.

I'm tired of newspapermen who dish up the news as if they were throwing swill to the pigs; poets and playwrights who haven't progressed beyond four letter words; TV producers who inspire us by raking in the muck instead of pointing to the stars and writers who continually dangle the bogey of Facism in front of us while dressing communism up like Santa Claus.

I'm tired of fat-cat Union bosses crying poverty while grinding their thumbs into the eye of the fixed income consumer; of pulpit pundits who preach as if they had a direct "hot line" to heaven and a divine mandate to dictate the political philosophy of the Church - who proclaim "love thine enemies so long as they don't salute the Stars and Stripes."

I'm tired of being the scapegoat for every last punk who ever stole a car, beat up an old lady or pushed heroin. I'm tired of supporting families who've made welfare a way of life for three generations and Hippies who use it to support their cloth.

I'm tired of politicians who fawn as "servants of the people" in order to get hold of the national cash box and who then proceed to spend taxpayers money like a prostitute let loose at a perfume counter!

I'm tired of kitchen comrades who dominate "open line" radio shows and pink professors who try to dominate our Universities. I'm tired of an apathetic John Doe who seems to have spaghetti where his backbone ought to be. In short, I'm a tired Canadian with just enough energy to say: "O.K. buster. This far and no farther. Now get off my back - or else!

Signed and pinned where-over I can put it,
Patricia Young.

Milton club pros well-known here

There was a full house in the Milton arena for the Skating Club's presentation of "The Wizard of Oz." About 100 skaters took part in the closing program.

The club professionals there are both well-known in Acton. Mrs. Mary Jane (Forco) Robinson was joined at Milton this year by Miss Linda Braida. Both talented skaters grew up in Acton. Miss Braida still lives here, with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Braida, and is a R. L. teacher.

Mrs. Robinson is the daughter of Mrs. Forco and the late Ted Forco. After the program both the instructors were presented with gifts.

Dear Sir:

The Federal Government through its Minister of Agriculture, Hon. J. J. Greene, a year ago increased the support price on milk to \$4.75 per cwt., and also provided a subsidy to cream shippers of some 34 cents a pound for butterfat. The Canadian Dairy Commission has now announced that it will establish a minimum quota of 420 pounds of butterfat or 12,000 pounds of milk for the purpose of eliminating many thousands of producers from receipt of any subsidy in the new dairy year, April 1, 1968 to March 31, 1969.

Further, the Dairy Commission's review of quota applications for producers with quantities of between 420 pounds of butterfat and 1,750 pounds of milk and 50,000 pounds of milk will mean a bureaucratic and arbitrary elimination of many thousands more.

This action arises from the Dairy Commission's mistaken judgement that its duty is to eliminate small producers by withdrawal of government support.

The small dairy producer is already leaving the business at an exceedingly rapid rate. In 15 years from 1951 to 1966 the number of farms in Canada with dairy cows fell by over 50 per cent.

The policy of the Dairy Commission will bring great hardship to the lowest income earners. Older people, small farmers and others who have endeavoured to supplement their low incomes by dairy production will be forced to a still lower poverty level. Initiative will be penalized, and social welfare roles will be increased.

It will condemn a whole industry, the cream shipper and the butter producing creamery to hardship and to the possibility of early extinction, and the quota is also against the whole course of government economic and welfare policy which has been to increase the incomes of low income earners. It denies what should be a fundamental right of citizenship, namely, to share in the benefit of government policies on a fair and equitable basis.

In opposition to the policy of the Canadian Dairy Commission and hoping to focus public attention on this injustice, I have introduced Bill S-34 in the Senate. I trust it will be given the support of farmers, farm organizations, local businessmen and all those interested in the welfare of agriculture.

Yours truly,
Senator Hazan Argue.

Charges trains speed

Four charges of speeding have been laid against Canadian National Railways after trains were clocked with radar timing devices by Milton O.P.P.

Halton Crown Attorney Peter K. McWilliams ordered the police to check C.N.R. train speeds, following a Christmas Eve fatality at the Manswood crossing in Esquewing Township when two Milton teenagers were killed.

At an inquest following their death, the train crew testified the train was travelling at 40 to 50 miles per hour. The crown attorney has unearthed a 1903 ruling in the Railroad Act which limits trains to 10 miles an hour over a crossing where protective signals have been ordered but are not yet installed.

Protective devices for the Manswood level crossing were ordered last November, and are to be installed within 10 months.

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Harley to Halton

Since my last column the House of Commons had been debating the new tax increases which were outlined in my last column. These proposed changes had to be modified somewhat because of a ruling by the Speaker who asked that clauses similar to the previous Bill be removed. This was done by the Government and resulted in the new Bill being very short and consisting of four clauses only. The Bill has now received second reading and has passed in the Committee stages. It now awaits third and final reading which should come within a day.

The financial problems we are having in Canada would appear to be minor in comparison to the general problems confronting the Western World concerning gold and monetary policies in general. There is no doubt that the Canadian dollar is heavily tied to the American dollar and that the American dollar is under great pressure to be devalued. The same end would be achieved by raising the price of gold. It would appear to me that if the American dollar were devalued a similar change would occur in all the currencies of the Western World.

- (1) A further reduction of Government expenditure by \$75 million which will include a freeze on the number of positions in the Public Service.
- (2) A 3 per cent increase on personal and corporate income tax.
- (3) A Prices and Costs Review Board will be set up by the Government to review changes in commodity prices adding to our cost of living.

OBITUARY

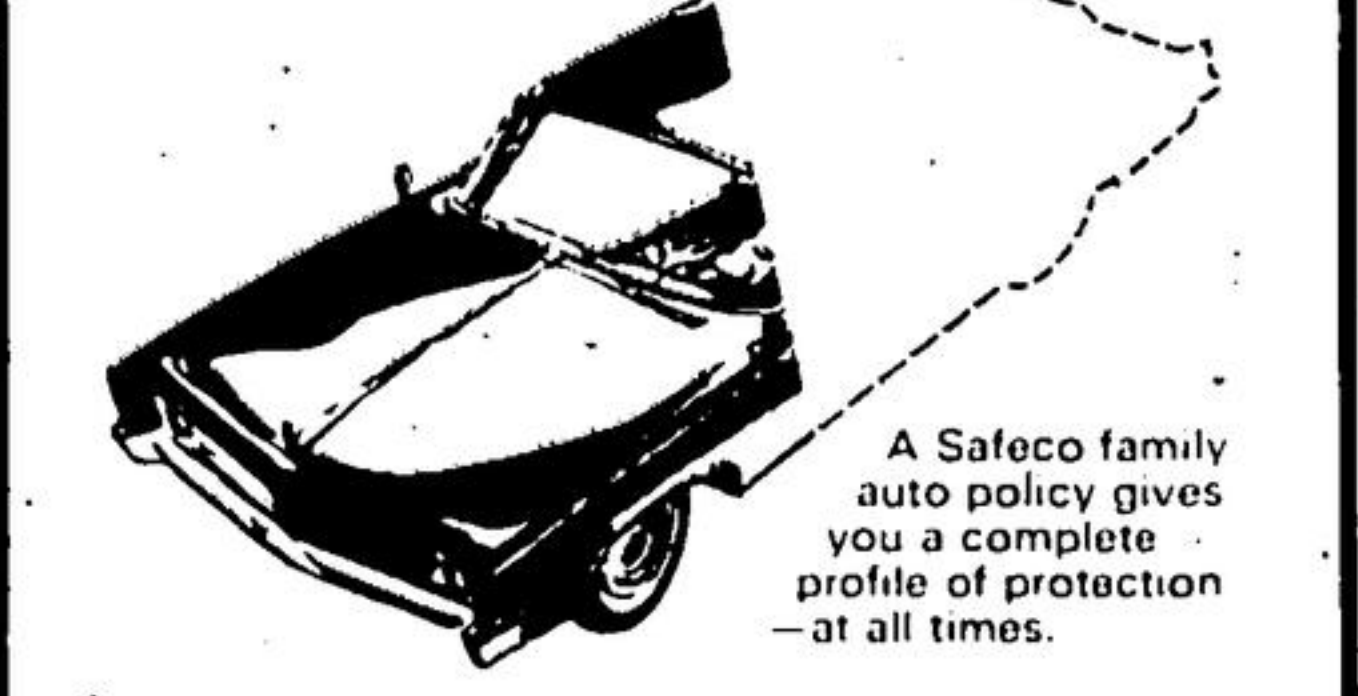
William Saynuck born in Ukraine

William Saynuck, 84, passed away at his home, 133 Crescent St., on February 19. He had been in failing health for some time.

Mr. Saynuck came to Canada from the Ukraine in 1913 and had lived for 55 years in Acton. Funeral services at the Rumley-Shoemaker funeral home on Thursday, February 22 was conducted by the Rev. A. H. McKozio. Pallbearers were Leonard Pronkewich, Brian Givons, Lloyd Givons, Walter Chmiolnicki, Herb Ritchie and J. Gancher. The ladies attending the service carried the flowers, as is the Ukrainian custom.

Interment was in Fairview Cemetery. His wife, Mary Saynuck, predeceased him. Surviving are daughters: Mary Pronkewich, Toronto; Ann Purcell, Montreal; Audrey Givons, Rockwood; and Sally Klatkowski, Acton. He was a cousin of the late Anthony Saynuck of Acton.

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School boards rate working conditions, relations with board

Work conditions in north Halton secondary schools leave something to be desired, according to a confidential teachers survey.

A system of reporting has been developed which allows boards to compare with others and to see how they shaped up from previous years.

The survey of employment conditions in Ontario's secondary schools was made by Ontario Secondary School Teachers Federation, headed by Robert Smith, of Nelson High School, Burlington.

It indicates that work conditions at Acton and Milton high schools are only "fair" while at Georgetown conditions are rated as "adequate."

It indicates that Acton teachers consider their relations with the school board as "excellent".

Georgetown and Milton teachers rate relations with their school boards "adequate".

Asked to rate the attitudes of their boards toward educational improvement, both Georgetown and Milton teachers considered theirs "good".

Acton and Burlington rated their boards "excellent".

Oakville high school teachers were not surveyed for their opinions.

Burlington teachers reckoned relations between staff and school board were excellent, but rated work conditions "as being only fair".

The questions were gleaned from a questionnaire circulated among Ontario schools in January.

The survey rated "excellent" as being between 75 and 100 per cent "good" 66-74 per cent "fair" 60-65 per cent "adequate" 50-59 per cent and "poor" under 50 per cent for each question.

The questions were 1) how would you rate the attitude of your board toward educational improvement? 2) how would you rate relations between board and staff? 3) how would you rate conditions of work in your school?

A summary of scores from north Halton schools indicates: Acton - question one, 84 per cent; question two, 84 per cent, and question three 64 per cent. Georgetown - 66, 51, 57; and Milton 69, 59, 62.

The figures for Burlington were: 85, 76, 62. Altogether 231 Ontario school boards took part in the survey.

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Change in grants for schools made

The Hon. William G. Davis, Minister of Education, announced a number of changes in General Legislative Grants for the year 1968.

The Foundation Level will be \$280 for each elementary school pupil. This represents an increase of \$20, which will provide more assistance to elementary school boards to meet current operating expenditures.

For high school boards, the Foundation Levels will be increased from \$450 to \$485 per non-vocational pupil and from \$580 to \$600 per vocational pupil.

Significant additional assistance will be extended for special education programs and services. The eligible amounts for such programs will be increased and the number of programs eligible for grant will be extended. This will be of special help to those classes for children whose mother tongue is not the language of instruction in the school.

The amount approved for such language classes in elementary schools, in addition to all regular grants, will be increased from \$3,400 to \$5,000 per class.

A change in Legislation in 1967 provides for a board to charge twice the normal fee for pupils from another board in special education classes. The sending board will be paid a special grant at the board's percentage rate on the excess of this

over the normal fee. The amount approved for the purchase of library books provides that every board will recover at least its percentage rate on its expenditures up to \$10 per pupil.

The benefits of the Corporation Tax Adjustment Grant will be extended to provide assistance to certain boards which receive tax support from municipalities where the proportion of corporation assessment is three per cent or more rather than the present five per cent or more.

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It's that time of the year again. In the last week our Annual Report for 1967 has been mailed out to our shareholders. Some of you may have received one sheet more than a quarter-million Canadians hold stock in Bell Canada. It has been a busy, exciting year for our Company. Behind the financial figures are several stories of events which marked our progress during Centennial Year. Our sponsorship with other members of The Telephone Association of Canada of the popular Telephone Pavilion at Expo 67 wasn't the only milestone in Montreal. If you visited Expo and used any of the attractive public telephones while there - we had almost 550 located on the Expo site - your call went through Canada's first electronic telephone exchange. We opened this exchange in time to serve Expo 67 and its millions of visitors. A similar unit will be added this year to Toronto's telephone network, and work is being started on one for Ottawa. As I mentioned in my column last summer, we grew past the 5 million mark in the number of phones served - in fact, 284,000 were added to the total at the service of our customers.

Our construction program was vast - for the first time in a single year we exceeded \$300 million in construction expenditures to further expand and improve our communications network.

Interest in space age communications was reflected in two projects. In the first, we started construction of an earth station at Bouchette, Quebec, designed to test satellite relay of TV, data and voice communications into Canada's Far North. In the second, we joined with members of the Trans-Canada Telephone System and CNCP Telecommunications in the proposal to provide a domestic satellite communications system for Canada.

Of special interest to all of us was the Company's ability to continue to hold unchanged at the 1958 level our basic schedule of local telephone rates - a significant victory in the struggle against inflation. I think that you will agree it has been a busy and successful year for Bell Canada.

Lloyd Denby