

# Expand GO train service...

The possibility of GO train service being extended northward to include Acton, as suggested by Halton East M.P.P. Jim Snow in his maiden speech at Queen's Park, has been pigeon-holed temporarily until a study of the present lakeshore service is finished.

Highways Minister George Gomme said the government study won't be completed for two or three years. Then a decision will be made whether it is feasible to extend the service.

There have been rumors for some time that the government was considering extension of the line northwards but efforts to track them down to the source have been unfruitful. Conjecture was that the rumors were "leaks" from the province's plans for the area, but Mr. Gomme's statement seems to scotch that idea.

As Jim Snow says these commuter trains have had a valuable impact on transportation facilities in the south end of the county. Approximately one in every three workers in Halton County travel to the Metro Toronto area. GO trains have pulled many cars off the

highways and given commuters an alternative which they have found convenient, and safer.

Expansion of the existing lines would provide a service which many commuters in this area would appreciate. There's no doubt the service would meet with the same success and acceptance as has been experienced on the lakeshore route.

It would also, as Mr. Snow pointed out, allow the areas mentioned to develop as planned satellite cities, a suggestion by many planners.

It seems ridiculous that a study of the GO train service would take two to three years to complete. If, as Mr. Snow has indicated, the present service is at capacity, surely the study could be speeded up so it could be completed in two or three months.

Or, is this another instance where perhaps private initiative would be more efficient than government studies stalled by red tape? Surely the needs of commuters take precedence over a study of a service which is so obviously successful.



Bird sanctuary

## Free Press Editorial Page

### Smoking resolution...

Teachers who complain about students smoking while they've got either one in mind or in hand will not like a recent resolution which emanated from a health conference held by Ontario pedagogues recently.

The resolution will ask the Ontario Teachers' Federation to endorse a recommendation that teachers consider not smoking on school property because it sets a bad example.

Federal Health Minister Allan McEwen hailed the resolution as one for serious consideration by teachers in other provinces, too. He said, in the face of current knowledge of serious health hazards of cigarette smoking it is encouraging to know Ontario teachers have decided through their own actions to discourage smoking by their

students. Although it is a commendable resolution, it is doubtful if it will have much effect on students. School days, especially high school days, are times when the process of growing up means you must try out all the adult vices or be labelled "chicken". It takes someone with copious amounts of intestinal fortitude to withstand the taunts of fellow adolescents and not take your first drag on the weed.

Teachers who may suffer twinges of conscience about rapping students for smoking while they do it themselves, will undoubtedly benefit the most if the resolution passes. It will help them shed the habit and they'll have no qualms about lecturing students on the health hazards.

### Salaries based on merit...

One of the many changes that will flow from the decision of the Roberts' government to do away with local school boards as we have known them will be the new balance that will exist between teachers and boards.

No longer will salary negotiations be between from as few as six or eight teachers and a board. Involved now will be several hundred teachers and a board.

Perhaps this would be as good a time as any to acknowledge what boards have long contended and with which many teachers agree and that is that teacher remuneration should recognize teacher ability. Perhaps this is the time to establish as a principle that teachers salaries should be on a merit system and not as a result of automatic increases or long years of innocent service.

The point was made earlier this year at the annual assembly of the Ontario Secondary School Teachers' Federation when I. M. Robb, long-time secretary of the organization warned that

the new school system would force teachers to adopt a new policy in order to maintain their salary position.

Suggesting, in effect that increases should go to good teachers and that those not contributing should be weeded out Mr. Robb called for professional rather than union standards. It is no longer valid to fight as the federation has done for "more money for every teacher, good, bad or indifferent, each year, and if possible the same amount for everyone."

It can be agreed that there are many good teachers entitled to more than they are receiving. It must also be agreed that there are even more teachers who in terms of their contribution to their pupils and the community in which they are serving, are overpaid.

The problem facing the new boards and the teachers organizations will be to bring these opposing facts into balance. In the long run the teachers, the taxpayers and, what is most important, the pupil will benefit when they succeed. —Huron Expositor (Seaforth)

## Sugar and Spice

by Bill Smiley

When he smacks us with taxes, The Minister says It's to battle the beast of inflation. It's for our own good, And everyone should Stop roaring with deep indignation.

Pretty rotten doggerel, but I hope I speak for the rest of you serfs when I serve warning to all levels of government, here and now, publicly, that we've had enough.

With one more tax hike of any kind, the Fall of the Bastille, and the October Revolution of 1917 will look like a couple of Sunday school outings. The gutters will run with blood, and heads will roll.

I've never seen a gutter running with blood, but I don't think it would bother me much. Not this month, at any rate. And how would the head of the Finance Minister look, stuck on the end of a pike? It certainly wouldn't do much for his image, in the Liberal leadership race.

Remember what happened to the British when they went too far with taxation! It was a nice cup of tea, with Boston Harbor as the teapot. Shortly afterwards, they had lost half of North America.

Eighteenth-century France had absentee landlords. We have absentee M.P.'s. But the real cause of the French revolution was oppressive taxes. The absentee landlords lost their heads. Some of our absentee M.P.'s may lose their seats. And if you want to be vulgar, there's not that much difference, come to think of it.

Same story in Russia. Inflation and taxation. Ivan was making four kopecks a day. It cost him three to live, one for taxes. The Czar jacked up the tax on vodka by one kopeck and something had to give. It wasn't Ivan.

Now I'm no George Washington, Robespierre or Lenin. But I do have a shot-gun, and when our leader emerges, I'll be there.

fully loaded -- if I can afford a jug at current prices -- and shouting bilingually, "A bas les taxes!"

I don't want to sound unreasonable about taxes. Some are essential. Education taxes, for example. We've got to keep the kids off the streets somehow, and at the same time turn them into potential taxpayers, so that we'll be able to draw our old-age pensions.

And I don't mind contributing to those same old-age pensions and help for the crippled and the blind and the helpless. Nor do I mind paying for sewers and garbage collection and street-lighting.

But I do object to subsidizing the free-loaders; the credit card boys who can write off entertainment, drinks, food, travel; the crafty knaves who use unemployment insurance as a private bank; the shiftless dogs who revel in welfare as a way of life.

It irks me to help maintain an armed force, fine chaps all, but one which couldn't defend this country against a determined attack by Iceland.

As a motorist, I am willing to pay heavy gas and car taxes and license fees so that roads may be built. But I have an administration for taxes on building materials and clothing and a contempt for taxes on restaurant meals and entertainment.

At the moment, my pet hate is paying taxes for a new municipal snow-blower that throws up on my lawn a filthy mixture of snow, salt and sand. Guaranteed to kill lawn, flowers and probably trees.

The list is endless and arbitrary. But I know I'm not a lone voice crying in the wilderness. I'd be happy to hear from others who are ready to respond when our leader cries, "Aux barricades, all youse who are ground in the mills of the tax gods."

## Free Press back issues

### 20 years ago

Taken from the issue of the Free Press of Thursday, March 25, 1948.

Five veterans and their families were made happy on Monday when Mr. Philip Meyers, who is in charge of the rental of 50 wartime houses in the new subdivision turned over the keys to five units and they were able to take occupancy.

The first five houses were on McDonald Blvd. No. 3 was allotted to Bernard Tennant, a war veteran, with his wife and two children, who have been living in two rooms on Crescent St. House No. 48 will be occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Patrick Kenney and their one child. Mr. Kenney is a veteran of two wars. No. 45 will be tenanted by Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Allen. No. 47 by Mr. and Mrs. Leo Close and No. 80 by Mr. and Mrs. Gordon McKeown.

Rents are \$22 a month or \$27.50 a month or \$30 a month.

The houses are nicely arranged on a crescent named after two former reeves of Acton and ex-wardens of Halton county, A. Mason and J. M. McDonald. More homes will be available in a few weeks.

Reeve F. J. McCutcheon has opened a new grocery and meat shop this week at the corner of Young and Mill.

### 75 years ago

Taken from the issue of the Free Press of Thursday, March 30, 1893.

The evangelistic services in the Methodist church each night have been the means of leading between 30 and 40 to lead Christian lives. There is evidence others will flee "from the wrath to come."

A pitiable spectacle presented itself at the Guelph station when an old man, apparently in the last stages of consumption, arrived from Halifax where he had hailed from the old country. He was anxious to reach Erinville, in which township he had a son teaching school. Relieving officer Clark had the man driven to his destination. It won't be long until another and a longer journey will be his.

Our military is in full bloom. Elaborate display of mantles, wraps and parasols. All nobby stuff and the price is right. Wm. McLeod and Co.

Notwithstanding that Easter is early, Easter eggs are selling unusually low at 12 1/2 cents.

Let us all eat oranges. German scientists claim they are excellent things to kill cholera bacteria with.

### 50 years ago

Taken from the issue of the Free Press of Thursday, April 4, 1918.

The commendable spirit of Christian unity was manifest when Easter services and Sunday School services brought together members of the Presbyterian, Methodist and Baptist churches. The warm Christian fellowship was delightful.

Dublin school examinations roll of honor — Beatrice McIsaac, Nellie Stewart, May Gibbons, Catherine Kelly, Clarice Stewart, Madeline Gibbons, William Kelly, Violet Crossman, Frank Creamer, Nelson Mino, Annie Stewart, Irene Morley, Martha Foster, George Mino, Bert Scott, Muriel Crossman, Lizzie Kelly, Minnie Creamer, Pearl Foster, Florence Foster, Ralph Frank, Johnny Black, Hattie McClung, teacher.

Poultry keepers, be considerate of your neighbors and keep your chickens in their pens.

The laws in some parts of town were so well dried up some girls were able to play croquet.

Conway and McLean advertisement — Corset stock complete for spring. Four hose supporters, 5 clasp studs, worth \$1.25, for sale at 75 cents.

Boys! Have you considered enlisting as a soldier of the soil for the summer?

## Free Press Church Notices

### THE CHURCH OF ST. ALBAN THE MARTYR ANGLICAN

Corner Willow St. and St. Alban's Drive

SUNDAY, MARCH 31st, 1968  
Lent V  
Passion Sunday  
9:00 a.m.—The Holy Eucharist.  
10:30 a.m.—Church School.  
10:30 a.m.—Holy Eucharist.

Mid-week services are cancelled until further notice, but Sunday services will continue as usual.

### BETH-EL CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH

Minister — Rev. P. Brouwer, B.A., B.D.  
Acton, Ontario.

SUNDAY, MARCH 31st, 1968  
10:00 a.m.—English Service.  
11:00 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, MARCH 31st, 1968  
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.  
7:00 p.m.—Evening Evangel.  
7:45 p.m.—Wednesday, prayer meeting.  
Acton 853-1956 Georgetown 877-6645

### EVANGEL PENTECOSTAL TABERNACLIN P.A.O.C.

33 Churchhill Road  
Rev. S. M. Thoman, Pastor, 853-2715.  
Welcome to District C.A. Youth Rally, Saturday, March 30, 8 p.m.  
Acton Literature Blitz by C.A.'s, Saturday — 4 p.m. - 6 p.m.  
Guest speaker: Rev. N. Scharbaum. Ladies' triple trio, Eastern Pentecostal Bible College, Peterborough.

SUNDAY, MARCH 31st, 1968  
10:00 a.m.—Sunday School.  
11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship.  
7:00 p.m.—Evangelistic Service.  
Tuesday, 8 p.m.—Prayer service and Bible Study.  
Thursday, 8 p.m.—Christ Ambassadors.  
Friday, 7 p.m.—Crusaders.

### 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, MARCH 31st, 1968  
10:00 a.m.—Morning Worship (Nursery provided).  
The Rite of Confirmation.

### 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 Tidesy Ave., Phone 853-1615.

SUNDAY, MARCH 31st, 1968  
9:45 a.m.—Church School and Adult Bible Class.  
11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship.  
7:00 p.m.—Evening Service.  
Wednesday—7 p.m., Prayer and Bible Study; 8 p.m., Teachers' meeting.  
Thursday, 6:30 p.m.—Explorers  
Thursday, 8 p.m.—Choir practice.  
Friday, 7 p.m.—B.H.P.

Text: "Behold we go up to Jerusalem; and the Son of man shall be delivered unto the chief priests, and they shall condemn Him to death." Math. 10: 33.

### 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, MARCH 31st, 1968  
9:45 a.m.—Church School for ages 3 to 15 years.  
9:45 a.m.—Minister's Church Membership Class for Teen-agers withdrawn this Sunday.  
11:00 a.m.—Divine Worship. Guest preacher: The Rev. Dr. Hugh F. Davidson, Secretary of the Board of Stewardship and Budget.  
Thursday at 8 p.m.—Pre-Communion Preparatory Service.  
Everyone Most Welcome

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

## Photos from the past



BOWER AVE. VIEW shows the attractive homes now occupied by Rev. and Mrs. Gordon Turner, Miss Ruby Clark and Mrs. R. Algie. The fourth house, once

the Kanney family home, and the Storey Glove Factory were torn down to make way for the new post office. Herb Ritchie owns this post card.

## Off the cuff...

We've got the compact car and now because of the recent tax increases, we're going to get the compact cigarette. One tobacco company, in the face of a market trend toward extra-long cigarettes, is going to market a shorter model, with a quarter-inch cut off the size and two cents off the price.

Hope the street sweeper is able to remove much of the sand from streets around town before dry winds turn it into dust which permeates homes and leaves asthma sufferers gasping.

A well-known company has introduced the only dog food that dogs ask for by name... Arf.

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