

OUR READERS WRITE:

FAN LETTERS

M. Z. Bennett grade three and four students, after touring the Free Press plant, wrote letters of appreciation which their teacher, Miss Fern Small, sent along exactly as they were written.

A few of our favorites follow. I like your print I liked the type-writer and that machine that printed the paper. That dark room was neat. I think you for that stamp.

Sincerely,
Susanne DeGroat.
(The stamp referred to was a line of type cast in metal.)

I had a very nice time there today. And I wish to come again. Please say Hi to every one else that I met. Thank you for letting us have some stuff to keep. Thank you!

Sincerely,
Ronnie Turkost.

I would like to thank you for the tour in the Free Press you took us on. I enjoyed it very much and wish we could come again. I also thank you for spending your time on us. My stamp said the word HORSE STABLE. Thank you for the things that you gave us.

Sincerely,
Warren Coultrup.

Thank you Mr. Coles for showing me the printing presses. Thank you for showing and giving me things.

Sincerely yours,
Susan Shaft.

Thank you for letting us go to the Free Press. I enjoy you taking me around. Thank you for letting us see how the papers were made. Thank you for giving us the things. The stamper really works. My name is Valerie the girl that asked how they get the paper out of the acid.

Sincerely,
Valerie Irwin.

Dear Mr Coles

I like you very much. I thank you very much for your hospitality also for showing us around.

I like very much the fascinating machine that you use. I like the way that you showed us I just wanted to thank you for showing me around.

Signed,
Kathleen Lowe.

Thank for our time showing us around the press. It was a good tour. I like seeing the presses going. It was fun seeing the old book in the dark room. Thanks for the paper and the stamps. We tried the stamps and they worked good. Tell the men and ladies that we had fun. Sorry for the mess. I hope we can come another time.

Sincerely,
Harry Payne.

Thank you for letting the two classes visit the Free Press Office. I have had a wonderful time while I was there. I have enjoyed seeing the press going. Thank you for the stamp. I hope you are happy at your work.

Sincerely,
Cheryl Hunter.

I would like to thank you by sending this letter. I liked the tour in the dark room. I also liked the printing machine. I would also like to thank you for your hospitality. And saying what kind of contraction it is, I am very thankful.

Yours sincerely,
Noel Blake.

Thank you for showing us all around the Free Press. And thank you for the stamper. We got to print the stamper on a piece of paper at school. I also liked the stipes of paper and the little news paper. I liked the tour, it was fun. This is what mine said dark grey scale used for determining. Well it was lots of fun, and thank you all.

Sincerely,
Melody Blinnie.

Thank you for your hospitality of showing us around the Free Press. I loved the whole thing.

Thank you.
Sincerely,
Donnalee Spielvogel.

George Kerr committee head

George Kerr, M.P.P. for Halton West was yesterday elected chairman of the Legislature's Committee on Legal Bills and Municipal Affairs.

This Committee is required to study legal questions of bills proposing to amend general laws, as well as those which are concerned with the Department of Municipal Affairs.

All bills referred to this Committee must be reported back to the House for final action.

George Kerr was first elected to the Legislature in the 1963 general election and re-elected last October with a majority of more than 5,000 votes over his closest opponent. He served as Chairman of this Committee during the last Session.

His vice-chairman this year will be R. M. Johnston, M.P.P. from St. Catharines.

Our error

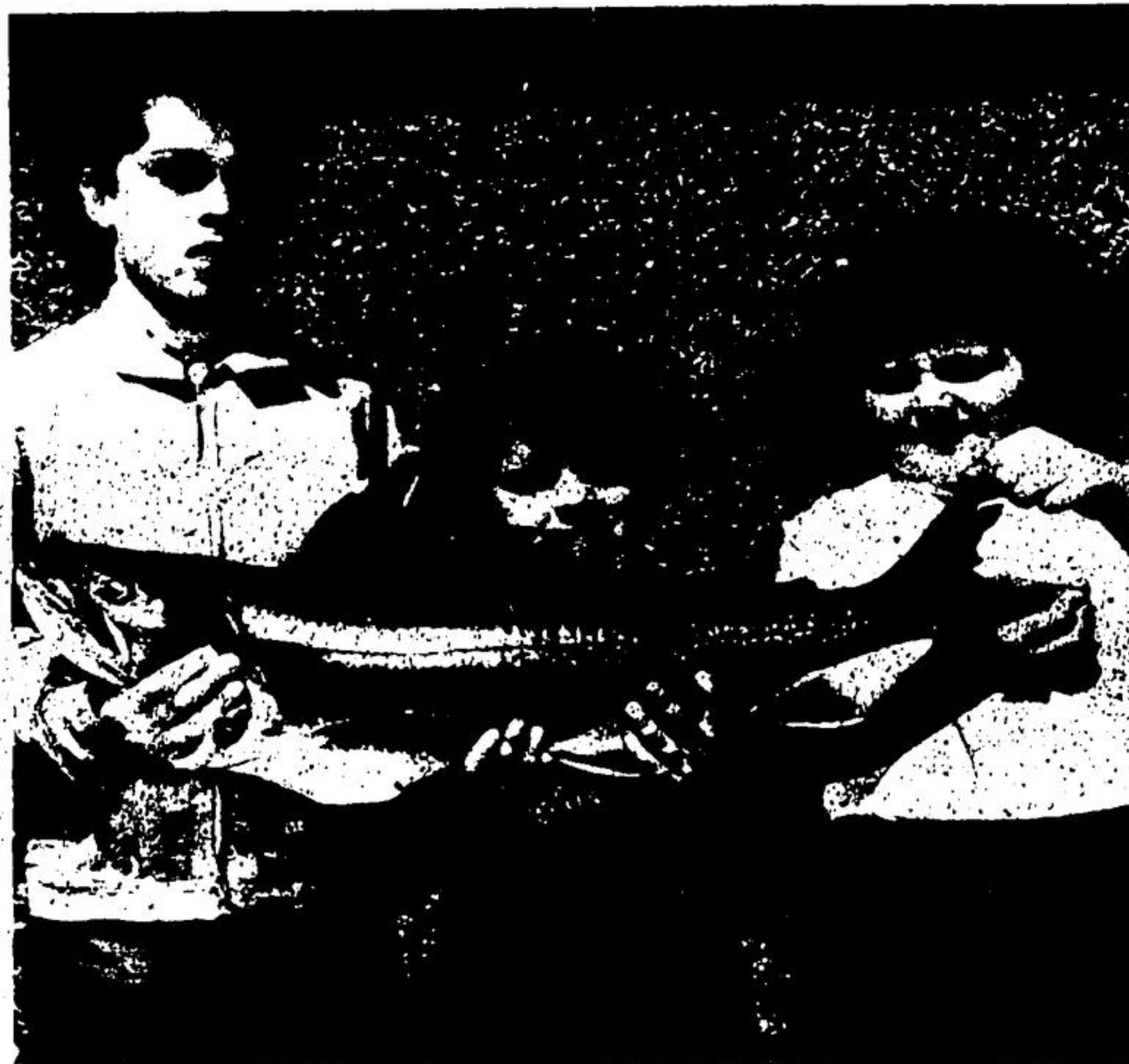
Last week's issue of The Free Press contained a typographical error in an account of the Hydro Commission meeting.

Contract proposals between the Commission and linemen included a provision which asked standby time be raised. The Free Press account stated the rate was now \$14 a day and linemen were asking for \$24 a day. It should have read \$24 a week from \$14 a week.

Milton-based radio station

A new radio station, based in Milton and serving most of Halton, could be in operation by September, if an application before the Board of Broadcast Governors is successful.

Loren James Cassina of London felt a station in the centre of Halton was "logical" and would serve Acton, Milton, Georgetown and Burlington. Oakville already has a station.



PULLED FROM the waters of Lake Simcoe Saturday by Albert (Bucky) Oakley of 94 Main St. N., was this 15½ lb. lake trout. The big fish, held proudly by Bucky's son Steven, 14, Scott, 9 and daughter Sharon, 10, was 34½ inches

long and had a 2½ inch girth before cleaning. It's due for a date on the Oakley table. Both boys, like their father, are avid fishermen with Steven catching an 11-lb. laker recently. (Staff Photo)



Let's Play Bridge

by Bill Coats

Once the opponents have opened the bidding, it is more difficult for your side to bid. To make up for this, the opponents of the opener have special bids available to their side only. These include the "take-out" double, strong overcalls and cue bids. Each one of these should describe a different type of hand either in structure or high card count, or both.

Defensive bidding is based on the premise that once the opponents have opened the bidding your side is not likely to hold a hand which has a high point count.

Such a hand did occur last week at the Acton Bridge and I would like to present it here with the story of what happened at each table.

The dealer was West and neither side was vulnerable.

NORTH
S-J 6,4,3,2,
H-7,4,2,
D-9,8,7,
C-8,6.

EAST
S-10,8,
H-A,8,5,3,
D-K,3,2,
C-K,5,4,2.

SOUTH
S-K,Q,9,
H-K,Q,
D-A,Q,3,2,
C-A,Q,J,10.

Table 1. The bidding:
WEST NORTH EAST SOUTH
Pass Pass 1C 2N.T.
All Pass.

West opened the club nine and East played low, South winning

with the ten. Declarer led two high spades from his hand but West had played the game before and ducked both times. Now dummy was dead (declarer could not get there). South got off the lead with a low diamond won by West.

West led a heart to East ace and a heart was returned. The diamond ace was followed by a low diamond, won by East. A heart was led to West who took two heart tricks and his spade ace before leading a club. Down one losing a spade, three hearts and two diamonds.

Table 2. The bidding:
WEST NORTH EAST SOUTH
Pass Pass 1H 2H
Pass Pass Pass

I don't know what North thought he was doing but two hearts was not a good contract. Declarer managed to ruff a club in dummy and made six tricks. But that's still down two on a big hand.

Table 3. The bidding:
WEST NORTH EAST SOUTH
Pass Pass 1H 2C
All Pass.

West led a heart which was won by East. A heart return put declarer on play. Declarer made the excellent play of a low club. East won, and returned a heart. Declarer did not ruff but discarded a diamond instead.

East switched to a trump and declarer drew all remaining trump. Three rounds of spades followed before West won. West took his good heart and led a diamond. Down one again, losing a spade, three hearts, a diamond and a club.

The best bid never occurred. South should double any opening bid by East. North will bid

spades and South should raise to three to show his powerful hand. This will be passed out and made for North should be low at the most a spade, a heart and a diamond. If the defense plays well, declarer may lose another heart as well.

Last week's winners at the Acton Bridge Club were: first, Glenn Banks and Bill Coats; second, Barbara Smith and Jackie Nolan; third, Cam Sinclair and Pat Jeffares.

Several from Acton are involved in the labor dispute at the University of Guelph. Employees of the Trades and Services unit voted on an April 10 deadline for strike action, and negotiations are still at a deadlock.

Final Holy Week service Thursday

For the 12th consecutive year joint Holy Week services are being held for various churches in town. This year's series, last Sunday, Tuesday and tomorrow evening, is in Knox Presbyterian church.

The guest preacher is a friend of Knox minister the Rev. A.H. McKenzie, the Rev. Clayton Searle, M.A., B.D., of Donway United church, Don Mills. His series of three sermons was titled Voices Around the Cross, and he spoke from the personal viewpoint of Judas Iscariot on Sunday, Calaphas on Tuesday and Pilate this Thursday. His unusual approach to the Easter story found an attentive congregation each evening.

Conducting the service on Sunday were the Rev. McKenzie and the Rev. Peter Brouwer of the Christian Reformed church, St. Alban's choir sang, and Mr. Frank Oakes played the organ.

On Tuesday the Rev. Gordon Turner conducted the service, the Presbyterian choir led in the singing and Ted Hansen played the organ.

On Thursday the Rev. Stanley Gammon and the Rev. Samuel Thoman will conduct the service, with Trinity and the Christian Reformed church choirs singing and Dr. George Elliott played the organ.

The ushering is being done by the men of the Presbyterian, United and Baptist congregations.

Although letters were not sent out this year in advance, asking groups to arrange to come a specific evening in a body, many groups did decide to meet and come together.

The offering is used to defray expenses involved in the series, and any surplus is used for projects selected by the Ministerial Association.

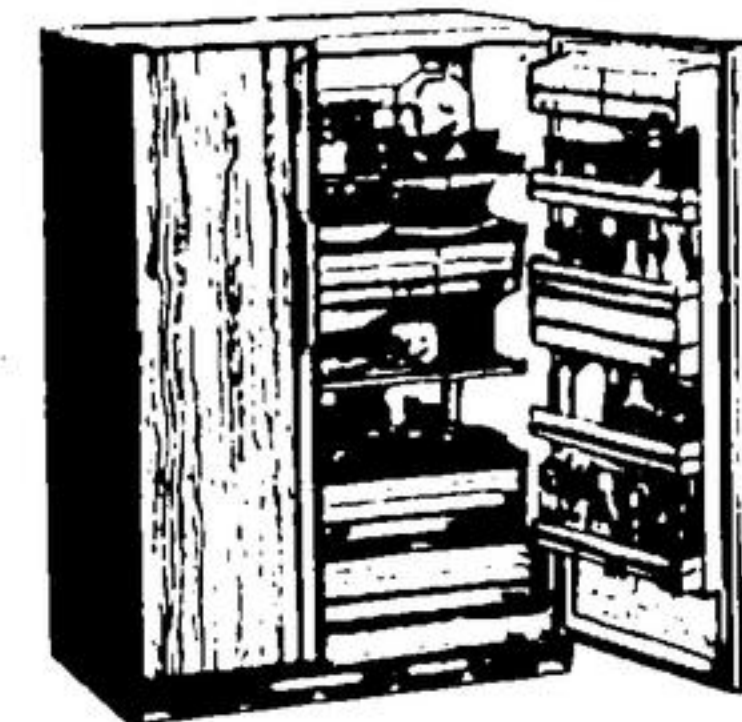
Mr. Searle, the guest preacher, served in pastorates in Toronto, Dutton, London, Fergus and Sarnia, was associate secretary for Missionary and Maintenance of the United church of Canada, and then went to the new Donway United church.

Keen travellers, he and his wife have conducted European tours. Mrs. Searle is accompanying him to Acton each evening. Special services are planned

for the Easter weekend at all for 7 a.m. Sunday morning on the water reservoir at Churchill, with breakfast following in Churchill church. The Young People of the United church are planning the event. The church notices in the Free Press list special services.

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