

Message of Easter ...

We are in the midst of Holy Week. It starts with the majesty of Palm Sunday, is commemorated in an Upper Room on a Thursday, is desolately bleak and without hope on a Good Friday and ends on a joyous note on an Easter Sunday.

The tragedy and the triumph are all there, the entire human experience compressed into seven days: the ups and downs, the betrayal of friends, the suffering, compassion, cruelty, the vagaries of human justice, the empty tomb and the Resurrection.

Has there ever been a period in history where the Easter message has been needed more?

It is a message of hope. Events in the United States in the past few weeks, which culminated in

the death of Martin Luther King have left a deep impression.

What is the world coming to? How can they gun down a good man like this? Americans — they're just like us. How can they countenance actions like the assassination of a president, followed so quickly by the killing of a man devoted to peace?

Remember? Almost 2,000 years ago they crucified a Man called the Prince of Peace. Neither He nor his message died. Both left the tomb of despair — caught on — and changed men for the better.

There can be no changes in society without a sacrifice of love, against a background of hate.

There can be no Easter Sunday without a Good Friday.



AFTER A WINTER of ice and snow, residents in the area of Fairy Lake greeted ice-free waters, sun-splashed and free of weeds, as one of the first harbingers of Spring. (Staff Photo)

Free Press Editorial Page

Who is this Trudeau...?

Despite the focus from TV cameras and extensive coverage by press and radio, Canada's new Prime Minister will be pretty much of an enigma to the public when he takes office in a couple of weeks hence.

It seems almost like a movie script that Pierre Elliott Trudeau, a relative newcomer to politics, could be selected to occupy this nation's top political post over men with much better credentials.

But it has happened — in front of a nationwide audience — some cheering, some reluctant, but most awed by the aura of success which has accompanied Trudeau. Only a few months ago the man who has become Prime Minister was a relative unknown to the mass of voters, a cabinet minister overshadowed by the presence of Prime Minister Pearson and certainly less quoted than Judy Lamarch.

Now he has succeeded to the mantle of MacDonald, Laurier, King, St. Laurent, Diefenbaker and Pearson with the nonchalance one could expect from someone accepting the chairman's job on a service club project.

Perhaps it was this restrained, low key approach which attracted people from all over the country to climb on a bandwagon which gathered momentum as resistance increased.

There was one point in the convention where it looked like a coalition of anti-Trudeau faces might grind this success story to a halt. But the opportunity was lost in indecision — or perhaps it was recognition of the ultimate defeat

which awaited challengers for the position.

It is difficult to make any decision on the suitability of Pierre Trudeau for the first minister's chair. He hasn't the experience of a Pearson, the evasiveness of a Martin, the physical height of a Hellyer, the good looks of a Turner or the financial acumen of a Winters.

What has he got which attracts some of the best brains in the country to his side?

There is no doubt part of Trudeau's appeal lies in his personal magnetism — charming, Gallic manners and a touch of the dramatic. His casual approach and "cool" appealed to the younger delegate. His deliberate decisions and detached reserve intrigued older people.

But this isn't the whole answer. Is he socialist or swinger, saint or sinner, conservative or liberal, leftist or middle-of-the-roader?

Who is this Pierre Trudeau? The whole country is waiting to find out.

Editorial notes...

Mississauga is more than just the name of an Indian tribe — or the new town out where Toronto Township used to be. The name means "people whose moccasins have puckered seams". Provincial Treasurer Charles MacNaughton told the inaugural meeting of Mississauga's council.



Sugar and Spice

by bill smiley

Received a letter recently from the Managing Editor, no less, of the Petrolia (Ont.) Advertiser-Topic, one of the papers that runs my column.

Geo, I wish I were a Managing Editor, and could dash off memos that would make people shake in their shoes. Once upon a time I was a Managing Editor. It meant that I was allowed to carry the bags of newspapers to the post office on press day. But I never got to write any terse memos.

The letter reads: "Smiley: I'm getting weary of those columns on education and teen-agers. Talk about adults, I distrust teachers who talk about school and students. You're better as a non-expert. One more education column and I cancel.

Regards, Chas. Whipp."

Now, who could resist answering such a belle lettre? I couldn't.

"My Dear Mr. Whipp: Thank you for your warm and courteous letter. It brightened up my whole day. But I think you have me confused with columnist Richard Needham of the Globe and Mail, who preaches rank anarchy day after day, exhorting students to drop out, see the world, forget about a formal education, live and love.

I'm as straight and square as they come, as my daughter (whoops, there's a teen-ager) will assure you. I deplore the use of drink, drugs and demonstrations by students. I urge them to drop in, not out, and find out what the mysteries of life are all about.

Now, let's have a look. You're weary of columns on education and teen-agers. Why? Were you once bitten (or bitten) by a teacher when you were a teen-ager?

Second, education takes about half your tax dollars. And within a couple of decades, adults will be outnumbered by adolescents. A couple of horrible thoughts, but surely worth a column occasionally.

Third, my columns about these topics bring more mail than any others. The letters are funny, poignant, sympathetic, tragic. One lady wrote telling me I'd helped her son.

Another poured out her heart over the death of her 16-year-old.

Fourth, I think a check would reveal that these topics are far from dominating the column. I'd get sick of them if they did. Why not let your readers decide? All your

off the cuff...

Experts doubt the authenticity of a signature of Henry the Eighth, who was handier with an ax than the pen.

After the days news, a war drama on evening television constitutes pretty strong entertainment.

Just how does a bride look when she's described as "radiant"? Like a radiator?

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back issues

20 years ago

Taken from the issue of the Free Press of Thursday, April 8, 1948.

A by-law to adopt daylight saving time for 1948 by council was read as required and passed. Daylight saving time will be effective in Acton from Sunday, April 25 to Sunday, September 26.

A bouquet goes to the Highway Department for their promptness in repairs to No. 25 between Acton and Milton. The road was as usual badly broken with winter frost in many sections. A road maintainer has been put on and some crushed stone applied with splendid results and the road is quite passable. This early attention to a very bad section of the highway is indeed appreciated.

The dogs are becoming experts at tipping off the lids of garbage pails and sorting over the contents. Great the way they catch onto modern ways.

Acton takes a step forward. Ken Blow has completed plans for a Foundry and providing all the materials are available, expects to be in operation by Fall.

50 years ago

Taken from the issue of the Free Press of Thursday, April 18, 1918.

Be careful of grass fires. They sometimes get beyond control.

For riding his bicycle on the pavement in Guelph, Leonard Bain was fined \$2.00 and costs on Saturday.

A few firecrackers caused a \$15,000 fire in Toronto on Saturday in which two children were burned to death and seven firemen painfully injured.

On Friday evening, May 3, the play entitled "The Deestrick Skule" will be given in the Town Hall, Erin.

Now that the Toronto Suburban Railway is being largely used by our citizens it is desirable that a street light be installed near the station. Being at the centre of the block and as there is no light between Church and Agnes Streets, it is very dark at that point. The Council should take the matter into consideration.

75 years ago

Taken from the issue of the Free Press of Thursday, April 13, 1893.

Owing to the general failure of the potato crop of 1892 in the United States, that country is now importing large quantities of this vegetable from all parts of Europe. Furniture — A good bedroom suite — \$10; A better one for \$11; A daisy — \$12; A beauty — \$13; A dandy — \$14; And the best in the world — \$15. — Sprague, Guelph. Butter took a jump up to twenty cents on Saturday.

A Chicago paper says that a visitor to the World's Fair will not have to spend over \$1 a day — \$1 for a good clean room, 50 cents for admission to the Fair, and \$2.50 for meals and incidentals.

100 years ago

Taken from the issue of The Canadian Champion, Milton, April 9, 1868.

On Thursday last a man named B---, of Guelph, was sent over to Dakota to take possession of the goods of Mr. G. Royce, Miller, who was insolvent. As he was indicated to be acted in a very improper manner and got into difficulty with the Messrs. Hawkins, employees of R. Thompson, the guardian of the estate and also with a brother-in-law of the insolvent, Mr. Hopkins, whom he treacherously stabbed in the thigh with a budding knife. For this he was arrested and brought before Squire Foster at 3 a.m. and committed to jail. During the trial he acted in a very disorderly manner and in the same treacherous manner struck T. L. White of Kiltbride, blackening both of his eyes. Mr. White had assisted to arrest him. B--- was bailed out on Friday, and at once laid a charge of forcible entry and assault on Hopkins, T. L. White, the Hawkins and Mr. Darville. The case was tried before Messrs. McGuffin and Wilmet, at Thompson's Hotel on Monday evening and resulted in the complete acquittal of the parties. Mr. Bastedo acted for the Crown, Mr. Laidlaw for the defendant.

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Church Notices

THE CHURCH OF ST. ALBAN THE MARTYR ANGLICAN
Corner Willow St. and St. Alban's Drive
On the 12th April, 11 a.m. — The Liturgy of Good Friday — Rev. Keith Calder.
SUNDAY, APRIL 14th, 1968
EASTER DAY
9:00 a.m. — The Holy Eucharist.
10:30 a.m. — Holy Eucharist.
Officiating: Rt. Rev. C. R. Wilkinson, M.A., D.D., Asst. Bishop of Niagara.

BETH-EL CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH
Minister — Rev. P. Brouwer, B.A., B.D.
Acton, Ontario.
SUNDAY, APRIL 14th, 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

EVANGEL-PENTECOSTAL TABERNACLE
P.A.O.C. 33 Churchill Road
Rev. S. M. Thoman, Pastor, 853-2715.
GOOD FRIDAY SERVICES
10:00 a.m. — Prayer Service in Tabernacle.
2-4 p.m. — Literature Blitz.
8:00 p.m. — Great Easter Rally Service.

EVANGEL-PENTECOSTAL TABERNACLE
SUNDAY, APRIL 14th, 1968
10:00 a.m. — Sunday School.
11:00 a.m. — Easter Message.
7:00 p.m. — Evangelistic Service.
Special Easter Music at both services.
Tuesday, 8 p.m. — Prayer service and Bible Study.
Thursday, 8 p.m. — Christ Ambassadors.
Friday, 7 p.m. — Crusaders.
"I am the resurrection and the life; he that believeth in Me, though he were dead, yet shall he live." John 11: 25.

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
Thursday, April 11, 8 p.m. — Fin. Holy Week Community Service. Preacher: Rev. Clayton Searle, Toronto.
EASTER
SUNDAY, APRIL 14th, 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.
11:00 a.m. — Easter Worship with Special Chor. Music. Sermon theme: "Easter's Promise of Life After Death."
Everyone Most Welcome

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

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

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICES
10:00 a.m. — A Service of Scripture Lessons and Self-Examination. Trinity Choirs in attendance. Sermon: "It Is Finished!"
EASTER MORNING SERVICES
SUNDAY, APRIL 14th, 1968
7:00 a.m. — Easter Sunrise Service. A Service of Praise and Thanksgiving in the out-of-doors. Where? The Town Water Reservoir, Churchill Road North, next to Churchill Church. Music led by "The Brass Quartette".
7:45 a.m. — Breakfast in Churchill Church basement, provided by the Trinity H.C. for a nominal cost.
11:30 a.m. — Easter Morning Worship: Trinity Church. Sermon: "The Resurrection is for Now!" (Nursery provided).
11:00 a.m. — Easter Morning Worship: Churchill Church, Churchill Road North.

The Rev. Gordon Turner will preach at all Easter Services.
Sunday, April 28th — Special Service on "The Mission of the Church". The preacher will be "The Padre of the Pubs", the Rev. Gordon Winch, B.A., B.D. An hour of dialogue with Mr. Winch will be held following the service.
Trinity Invites You to Share the Celebrating of Easter with Her!

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. Phone 853-1615.

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE
11:00 a.m.
All welcome.
EASTER
SUNDAY, APRIL 14th, 1968
9:45 a.m. — Church School and Adult Bible Class.
11:00 a.m. — Morning Worship.
"If Christ Were Dead."
7:00 p.m. — Evening Service.
Monday, 8 p.m. — Deacons' Meeting.
Wednesday, 7:30 — Prayer Meeting and Bible Study.
Thursday, 6:30 p.m. — Explorers
Thursday, 8 p.m. — Choir practice.
Friday, 7 p.m. — B.H.F.
"If Christ be not risen, your faith is vain, you are yet in your sins." I Cor. 15: 17.

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

SUNDAY, APRIL 14th, 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 877-4665

Photos from the past
The Committee hereby extends a cordial invitation to **Mr. N. M. Leary and Lady** to be present at **The First Annual At Home of the Employees of Beardmore & Co. and Acton Tanning Co., Ltd.**
To be held in the Town Hall, Acton.
TUESDAY EVENING, 8th DECEMBER, 1903 AT EIGHT O'CLOCK
The Kyle Amusement Co., of Toronto will furnish concert programme
DANCING FOWL SUPPER AT 10:30 Music by Beardmore's Orchestra
H. BAUER, Chairman of Committee R. H. McDonald, Sec.-Treas.

ACTON TANNING CO. In 1907 was pictured on this postcard, tent years ago to Miss Annie Masales, Glen Williams — the late Mrs. Fred Kingsmill. The company was established in 1844. A cherished invitation to Beardmore's first "At Home" was lent by Mrs. Josie Kenyon.

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