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Brickbats and bouquets.

The fact that Acton almost held the mill rate for 1968 in the face of rising: costs should be the cause of much reloicing in the taxpayer camp. However, before the celebration it might be wise. to ask if it is not false economy to save. money this year in order to compound next year's problems.

Some of the Items budgeted for and then chopped by Council will still, be around next year to pay. And they will have other brothers and sisters with

If costs continue to rise and they give every indication of it; then the taxpayer winds up paying more when there's a delay on improvements and repairs:

Council is sensitive to public opinion when it comes to raising the mill rate and who can blame them.

Unlike the large metropolitan centres where Joe Bloe hesitates to accost his alderman or councillor, the small town councillor knows he'll meet a knowledgeable ratepayer on the street. Taxpayers here have no compunction

about voicing their opinion about local matters to their elected representatives No matter how we as Individuals feel about the mill rate - perhaps some thought JI should go down - there should be no doubt about the sincerity of the entire council to strike a realistic budget within the means of people in

We'd like to toss a bouquet in their direction while they recuperate from the late nights, endless meetings and special brands of headache which go with

At one point in the proceedings it looked like everyone from the mayor .. down was going to refuse to accept the extra remuneration they had set for themselves because of all the work involved in a growing town. It is our opinion they are entitled to it. We'd go along with Councillor Drinkwalter's observation that it is long overdue.

It would take a much larger amount to compensate for all the extras involv-d ed in municipal work these days.



the children whose instincts guide them unerringly to the right cycle. Despite the similarity between bicycles of ing lots.

PICK YOUR BICYCLE from this parking the same make. The lesson here is oblot at one local school? No problem for vious. In a few years the cycle will be replaced by a car which young adults will be forced to pick out of huge park-(Staff Photo)

Sugar and Spice

Triction not unique

Disturbed by the friction between council and school board over the rising cost of education?.

Don't be. It's not unique or confined to Acton.

Milton, Georgetown and Fergus are also feeling, the pinch. Milton council sent both the high school and public school budgets back to the respective boards with requests for them to chop off \$35,000 and \$10,000. The alternative was an eight to nine mill fax in-

Fergus council sent a request from the Centre Wellington District High School for a 14.1 mill increase back to the board, requesting it be cut considerably. The increase, a whopping \$145,394 over last year would have meant an extra \$50 for the average tax

Georgetown public school board, meanwhile, is attaching a large share of the blame for delay in construction cost on their own council. The board can forsee staggered classes at the schools as a result of delay.

Here in Acton, of course, council asked the public school board to cut \$30,000 off their budget, but it was refused. The board said it had already trimmed the requisition down to a size smaller than their actual needs. Increased cost of instruction was blamed for the almost five mill increase over last

In order to save the taxpayer money and in line with the policy of the Ontario Municipal Board, council here cut their own general purpose budget. They've actually only got control of 30 mills of the budget, struck at 78. The rest is controlled by school boards and the county.

The thing to remember is school boards are caught in the same squeeze as council. They're concerned, too.

What's the answer to keeping educational standards high and costs down?

It's a problem which needs much thought and certainly no slick solution exists. Until it is worked out there'll continue to be friction between the new county school boards and town councils.

Tractors highway hazard ...

Farm tractors were involved in 246 accidents with motor vehicles in 1967. according to statistics released by the Ontario Department of Transport.

Hal Wright, Provincial Farm Safety Specialist with the Ontario Department of Agriculture and Food, notes that many of these accidents might have been prevented if the triangular Slow Moving Vehicle signs had been used by the farm tractor operators.

The statistics show that seven farm tractor operators were killed and 48 were injured while three persons in motor vehicles were killed and 90 were injured. Total property damages was

Most of the accidents were apparently caused by carelessness or lack of courtesy on the part-of the farm tractor operators, since two-thirds of all the charges laid by investigating police officers were made against the tractor

more than \$210,000.

Photos from the past

As these statistics indicate, farmers should exercise extra care when on the road with farm equipment. Mixing with faster moving car traffic creates a hazard which farmers can minimize by taking adequate precautions and using Slow Moving Vehicle signs.

Everything that could possibly have been

green, but Summer usually follows. No, I didn't bet against Trudeau. But I can't see a guy called Winters ever winning an election in this country. We get enough

As an English teacher, I always look at names for symbolic suggestions. Winters has already been dealt with. Hellyer sounds slightly like "Hell with yer, I'll do as I

Paul Martin, I think a martin is a small bird. And he sure got it from the eagles and falcons. But he was a game bird, despite the fact, and deserves a salute for dignity and courage.

(I met Martin years ago encumbered by a couple of plastered Liberals from the sticks, and he had the same dignity then, These are the people who let him down, after he'd made gruelling trips to Hayfork Centre to speak for some local jerk.)

Turner didn't live up to his name. Tough. No turning. Watch out for him in future. He wants it all or nothing.

MacEachen was a disappointment. He's a man of intelligence and integrity. But he ran his campaign as though he were running for Reeve of Juniper Junction, and even made a bollix of withdrawing from the race.

Joe Greene is Joe Greene. I've seenhim in action before. A dangerous orator of the old school: emotional, convincing, but a pretty fair Minister of Agriculture when you penetrate the vergiage.

Sharp was sharp, and always has been. He made the right move at the right time, and he's famous for this. Despite a couple of abysmal lapses during the economic

Land of plenty

How many people realize they are Tiving in the richest province in Canada?

Ontario accounts for 78 per cent of Canada's fully manufactured exports, a survey by the province's Department of Economics and Development has reveal-

Fully manufactured exports from the province totalled \$1,803,038,000 in 1966, the year of the latest complete tabulations, while the Canadian total was \$2,300,803,000.

Of Canada's total exports of \$10,-325,320,000 in the same year, Ontario accounted for \$3,762,722,000. This included 28 per cent of live animal exports, 16 per cent of the food, beverages and tobacco category, 24 per cent of crude materials, 28 per cent of fabricated materials, 41 per cent of special trade transactions, as well as 78 per cent of fully manufactured exports.

Kierans made a great fight, but who really feels sorry for a millionaire who's going to wind up in the Cabinet, and didn't have a ghost of a chance in the first place. Stout chap though.

by bill smiley

You can't make much of Trudeau's name, symbolically. However, I think he's just possibly a better choice than that chap called Laframboise from Northern Ontario. I have a vague idea Laframboise means "The Strawberry." And where would we be then, internationally? Eaten with sugar and cream, that's where.

All I hope is that Canadians won't go sour on Trudeau when the Gallic shrug, the quirked eyebrow and the chimpanzee's grin disappear after a couple of months of dealing with all the garbage a prime minister must put out.

To the constant disgust of my wife and daughter, I knocked J. F. Kennedy constantly after his election. I kept saying, "Sure, he's cute. Sure he has a beautiful grin. Sure, he 's witty. Sure, everybody loves him, except 49 percent of the U.S. voters. But he's a ruthless politician. When is he going to do something besides charm people?"

I feel the same way about our new prime minister. He's clever, charming, rich. He's a bachelor, which probably accounts for the rich and charming.

I wish him well. I hope he breathes into Canadian politics that fresh new breeze everyone is predicting. But I wouldn't count on it. Most of the boys in the press gallery touting him as the salvation of Canada were saying the same about Dief ten years ago. And they'll be the first to start cutting strips off him when he fails to produce immediate miracles.

Good luck, Pierre Elliott Trudeau. think you might just do it. And, finally, goodbye Lester Pearson. I think you were a dandy despite your faults, and I think history will record you as such.

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back issues

20 years ago

Taken from the Issue of the Free Press of Thursday, April 23, 1948.

About 2,000 fans who jammed Hespeler's new arena saw colorful Bucko McDonald and his Sundridge Beavers down Acton Tahners 11-5 to clinch the Outario Int. B. title. Minor occurrences erupted from the stands and someone throw a bottle at burly old Bucko. Someone wanted to know if it was a breach of defense regulations to hit an M.P. with a bottle.. Sundridge players sald Acton was the best team they had ever met. Acton players: Herb Woods, Ezig Marzo, Ben Bayliss, Dude Lindsay, Russ Brush, George Riddall, Grant Cillespie, Rio Marzo, Ted Hilson, 'Norm Morton Johnny Goy, Line Marzo, Sonny Townsley, Jack Kentner, Frank Terry, Kerwin Me-Phail, Bob Footitt, Bobby Anderson, For good management, thank J. J. Royston, F. Dawkins, Ray Mason, H. Jolley, V. B. Rumley and the Acton Athletic Association.

At the social night arranged by the Acton Fall Fair, the certificate of Agricultural Services was presented to Duncan Waldie. by president Edwood Johnston.

Ilio Marzo will receive the O.H.A. trophy for the most valuable member of his team.

50 years ago

Taken from the issue of the Free Press of Thursday, May 2, 1918.

At the annual meeting of the Farmers' Club, whose headquarters are at Hill's store, the officers for the year were elected: President Robert Kerr; First Vice-President R. N. Brown; Second Vice-President Blake Vannatter; Secretary-Treasurer W. L. Mullin; Executive Duncan McDougall, John McGregor, Thomas Kennedy, Bert McKeown, and C. M. Beswick. The club handled about \$10,000 worth of flour, feed, seeds, sugar, binder twine etc. during the

Post office revenues continue to grow here. The sale of stanps reached \$5,656,-93 and there were 3,675 money orders issued. The commission paid the postmaster amounted to \$251,23. The postmaster's salary last year was \$1,752, out of which his two assistants are paid.

Messrs, David Robertson and Percy Collier augmented the Red Cross funds by \$33. At Wonderland Picture Show Mr. Robertson sang and played the oscarina and at Mr. Collier's suggestion a collection was taken for the Red Cross with the cheerful permission of Mr. Gregory.

years ago

Taken from the Issue of the Free Press of Thursday, April 27, 1893,

Mr. William Williams, boot and shoe dealer, has purchased from Robert Creech of Woodstock the store on Mill St. which he has occupied for a number of years, and the smaller shop and dwelling in connection. The consideration was \$1350, Mr. H. H. Worden has purchased the 50 more farm from Mr. John McLean, the west part of Tot 32, in the third concession, about a mile north of Acton tonsideration about 33,000.

The local Board of Health met with members present J. B. Pearson, reeve; Thos. T. Moore; clerk and Messrs, W.R. Kenney, H. P. Moore and Robert Walface. The time was fixed for the sanitary, inspector, to make his annual inspection and all citizens are required to have their premises cleansed of filth. He will also make a monthly inspection of the slaughter houses,

Right Rev. Charles Hamilton, Bishop of the diocese, made his first visit to St. Alban's on a Sunday, and to St. John's Rock-

For its requested grant of but \$50, Acton Cornet Band is prepared to play for the citizens on all Saturdays and holidays throughout the summer.

During Thursday's terrific storm, a traveller at Dublin reported telephone wires were so thick on the roads they wound around the naves of the wheels. When he turned around he had all the telephone system attached to his buggy.

Esquesing horse fair at Georgetown

Pedlars and tramps are unusually numer-

100 years ago

Taken from the issue of The Canadian Champion, Milton, April 23, 1868.

On Tuesday last the members of the Established Church of Scotland, Milton, gave a call to the Rev. Peter Ferguson, for many years minister of the same congregation. The Rev. Robert Burnet of Hamilton, delivered an eloquent discourse from the first verse of the 12th Chapter of Romans. He stated that it was uncertain whether Mr. Ferguson, who is at present at Kincardine, who accepted the call. The Clergymen present were Hev. Mr. Stewart of Horpby, Edmison of Waterdown, Rev. Mr. Giffesple, of Esquesing, and Messra, Blackstock, Kay and Brock of Milton.

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.

SUNDAY, APRIL 28th, 1968

10.00 a.m.-Morning Worship (Nursery

"Outside the Stained Glass."

the Mission of our Church.

11.00 a.m.-Coffee Hour and dialogue

Churchill Church Services and Sunday

SUNDAY SCHOOL

11.15 a.m.—Senior School (Gr. 5 to Gr. 8).

ACTON BAPTIST CHURCH

Founded 1842

Pastor: Rev. Stanley Gammon

Res., 144 Tidey Avc., Phone 853-1615.

SUNDAY, APRIL 28th, 1968

9.45 . a.m.-Church School and Adult

Wednesday, 7.30 - Prayer Meeting and

"If Christ be not risen, your faith

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, APRIL 28th, 1968

9.45 a.m.-Church School for ages 3 to

9.45 a.m.-Minister's Church Member-

8.00 p.m.-A Choral Evening in which

The entire community is cordially

Acton Church choirs and the Legion

Choraliers present an inspiring pro-

ship Class for Teen-agers.

gram of sacred music.

11.00 a.m. (D.S.T.)—Divine Worship.

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Bible Class.

No Evening Service.

Bible Study.

15 years.

Friday, 7 p.m. — B.H.F.

11.00 a.m.—Morning Worship.

Thursday, 6.30 p.m. - Explorers

Thursday, 8 p.m. - Choir practice.

is vain, you are yet in your sins."

10.00 a.m.-Junior School (to Gr. 4).

"The Padre of the Pubs" the Rev.

Gordon Winch, B.A., B.D., will preach

with Mr. Winch on his work - and

School cancelled in order to take

part in Trinity's service with Mr.

provided).

Church Free Press **Notices**

THE CHURCH OF ST. ALBAN THE MARTYR ANGLICAN

Corner Willow St. and St. Alban's Drive

SUNDAY, APRIL 28th, 1968 Easter II 9.00 a.m.—The Holy Eucharist.

10.30 a.m.—Church School. 10.30 a.m.-Morning Prayer. Rev. Ritchie McMurray, guest clergy.

BETH-EL CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH Minister - Rev. P. Brouwer, B.A., B.D. Acton, Ontario.

SUNDAY, APRIL 28th, 1968 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

EVANGEL PENTECOSTAL TARERNACIE P.A.O.C. 33 Churchill Road

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

SUNDAY, APRIL 28th, 1968

10.00 a.m.-Sunday School.

11.00 a.m.-Morning Worship. 7.00 p.m.-Evangelistic Service. Monday, 8 p.m. - Rev. John Spillenaar, flying missionary of the North Land Mission, will be our guest speaker. Featuring colored missionary movies of the north including animal life, polar bears etc., also Eskimo

and Indian costumes. Tuesday, 8 p.m. - Prayer service and Bible Study.

Thursday, 8 p.m.-Christ Ambassadors. Friday, 7. p.m. - Crusaders.

"Blessed is he whose transgression is forgiven, whose sin is covered." Psalm 32-1.

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

SUNDAY, APRIL 28th, 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.

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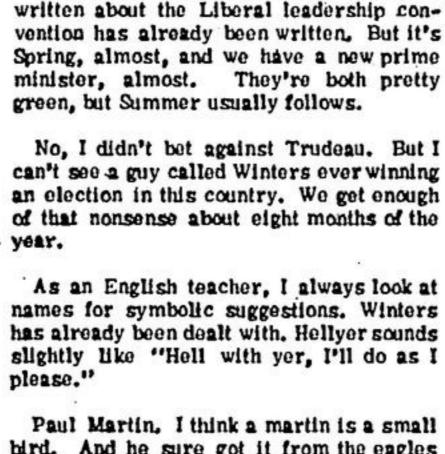
7.00 p.m.-Evening Evangel. 7.45 p.m.-Wednesday, prayer meeting.

Georgetown 877-6665

invited Everyone Most Welcome This is an invitation to attend the Church of your choice on Sunday.

was photographed in 1927 - Miss Clara Moore, Earl Vincent, G. A. Dills, Bob MacArthur, Cam Currie and H. P. Moore. Four of them have died, including Mr. Moore, his successor as editor Mr. Dills,

ENTER STAFF of the Acton Free Press Miss Moore and Mr. Vincent. Mr. Currie works in Galt. Bob MacArthur is still here, with the staff grown from six toover 20 full-time. Miss Emma Robinson lent the picture.



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