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### Modern crusaders...

Choice of the St. John Ambulance Brigade as collective Citizens of the Year was a worthy and popular one. It is difficult to list the number and variety of events which the St. John Brigade has attended, both here and in the district since they were first formed 11 years ago. During that period, devoted members have logged an unbelievable 25,000 hours of service to the town, caring for people in all walks of life and in just about any situation you can think of. We can think of numberless times they have quietly stayed unobtrusively in the background until their services were required. Then they acted with speed and despatch, caring for cuts, bruises, fractures and more serious injuries competently, with a minimum of fuss.

The past 11 years haven't been easy. There have been times when lack of members and funds made the work discouraging. Their services were accepted gratefully but there was little recognition for the many hours of duty the Brigade put in and, of course, like any small town organization they weren't immune to criticism. They persisted, however, in spite of the neglect and sometimes rude remarks to make themselves almost indispensable. Can you imagine what any major event in town and district would be without them now? We join with the many well wishers and the Chamber of Commerce in saluting an organization which certainly is worthy of all the accolades tendered them Saturday night. They are indeed Modern Crusaders.



### Sugar and Spice

by Bill Smiley

Somebody is reading this thing, anyway. Letters have been coming in showhills lately. Keep it up, chaps, whether you agree or not. A recent column on high taxes seemed to touch a sore spot. I didn't hear from the Minister of Finance, but I did hear from a number of people who are getting hot under the collar as various levels of government take bigger and bigger bites from an apple that has already been well chewed. Ken Cannon of Tillsonburg dislikes compulsory benefits. He says the needy, after a means test, should be looked after, but those who just don't want to work should be given mental labor if they want public hand-outs. He also protests the costly commissions established to investigate tax and other problems, and whose reports, after a cursory examination, are shelved. G. MacDonald of Toronto, with terse Scot sense, says, "The government has become top-heavy." Mrs. M. Ferguson, also of Toronto, tells of the incredible cost per day for a hospital bed in a public ward in that city -- from \$45.15 to \$32.50 a day, for those who don't have provincial hospital insurance. And many don't.

Mary McCaughna of Keswick swings into rhyme: "Tell that managing editor to jump in the lake; I subscribe to the Eva mostly for your sake. As to teen-agers call 'em young adults, Perhaps then, by semantics, you'll get better results. As to education, you're in it, well brother so are we, And besides, as you mentioned, it certainly isn't free." T. A. Deans of London: "If, in some of your columns, you stress education and youth -- good for you. You obviously don't agree with Richard J. Needham, I do. But... education, whether formal or informal, is essential, and for the Managing Editor of a paper to threaten to cancel a column of references to it is completely idiotic." This was one of his milder paragraphs. A teen-ager from Walkerton: "I think that your column is one of the most alive writings in today's newspapers. . . Being a teen-ager is one of the roughest, and loneliest times I have reached. I'm torn between loyalty to my parents and anger at them for clipping the wings that I think are full-grown enough to fly. It's particularly hard when I start to wonder if I'm the only one that acts this way, and ask myself, 'What's the matter with me, anyway?' There's more, but she ends, 'So please keep reaching out to students and teen-agers, Mr. Smiley; too few people do!'" A former student, Maureen Schwartz (Killoran), of Cooksville, writes holy in defence, but she's prejudiced (I gave her 85 in English). Not long out of her teens, she's getting the message: "Speaking of raising kids -- it is no wonder the 'older generation' always seems to be making such a mess of things. Raising the 'younger generation' is enough to reduce them to babbling idiots. . . All this and my kidlet is 17 months. What will I be saying when she is 17 years?" All I can say is that you wouldn't believe your ears, Maureen.

### Free Press Editorial Page

### Interesting election...

Politicians and political parties alike were caught unawares when Prime Minister Pierre Elliott Trudeau, the oils of his new office barely dry, decided to call an election. There's a mad scramble now to name candidates to contest the various seats from the Conservatives, N.D.P., Social Credit and Liberal parties, the latter who should have known better. All, or most of the pundits, thought Pierre couldn't take time out from kissing girls and perpetuating the swinger image to hold a general election. They thought he'd like to spend a few months trying his hand at implementing personal policies before he turned to the bleachers for a vote of confidence. But they were wrong, a circumstance they'd like to wiggle out of with platitudes like, "It was a snap decision", or "His advisors advised him to take advantage of the publicity stemming from the Liberal convention". It all came, too, while Bob Stanfield, finished with tacturnity, was devoting his time to fashioning a new image from strong, positive statements about the fitness of Pierre to take the baton from Lester Pearson.

Mr. Pearson, in turn, his load lightened after years of refereeing cabinet squabbles and guiding the country through endless crisis, looked more like the typical baseball fan he is than at any time since he took the Liberal leadership mantle over from Louis St. Laurent. I'll bet he's even got a smile for John Diefenbaker, a fellow never known to throw a stone at Mr. Pearson when he had a brick handy. Closer to home, the hustings were in a little more confusion when Harry Harley said he would throw in the towel in this election, a fact which is making liberals wonder who'll they get to replace a candidate who had winner written all over him. Dr. Harley is said to have based his decision on personal reasons and not from a lack of rapport with the present leadership of the Liberals. So with three virtual unknowns running in the County, it could be an interesting contest. In fact, for the first time in many years it looks like the voters will have clear party lines to guide them in their decisions.

### A word to the wise...

Everyday life in Biblical times was very much like life in this high speed nuclear age. Sumerian clay tablets, translated by archaeologists revealed this piece of dialogue: "Grow up. Stop hanging around the public square and wandering up and down the street. Go to school. Night and day you torture me. Night and day you waste your time having fun."

Four thousand years ago a father was giving his son a tongue wagging when some enterprising young historian whipped out his chisel and captured the words in clay. Forty centuries later, learned professors translated the simple words and came up with the conclusion that people don't change much. Problems haven't changed much either.

### off the cuff..

The "free" offers are bound to appear in almost any season, but some readers report the current one by telephone requires an answer to a "skill testing" question. If you answer correctly you win a "Free" prize, and if you miss you win a consolation prize. Both seem to be the same and are used to lead you on into magazine subscriptions you hadn't really intended to order. It's probably legal but if you don't expect too many "free" things you can avoid being stung with any offer. "Lat the buyer beware", is still in fashion.

But the discouraging thing about the whole business is that fathers haven't really found much better words to tell off their sons with than the Sumerian used.

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### Free Press back issues

**20 years ago**  
 Taken from the issue of the Free Press of Thursday, April 29, 1948.

Mr. D. H. Lindsey has had excavations made at the west side of Acton Flour Mill for four storage elevators. Some difficulty has been encountered with quicksand. This mill has steadily expanded, with a large storage elevator completed last year. New tenants in the Wartime Housing this week are Thos. Watson, Chas. Biggs, T. J. Lanahan, Wilfred Wadde and C. Gate. Thirty of the 50 houses are now occupied. Grading and levelling is now in progress and telephone service is expected to be in within two months. Work is underway on the new foundry building for Acton Machine Shop. Mr. Kenneth Blow has moved the equipment from Peterborough. Dr. Murray Deans, Oakville dentist, has been chosen Liberal standard bearer. Milton town hall was packed for the meeting. Mr. F. L. Wright, Acton, has been elected president of the Guelph and District Real Estate Board. E. E. Harrop has sold his residence on Bower Ave. to Frank Van Wyck. Successful students from Acton at Guelph examinations are George Elliott and Aldo Braida. Arnold McEnery of Ballinacraig has sold his trucking business to William Sanderson of Toronto. Arnold has bought the farm from the estate of the late Manassah Campbell.

**75 years ago**  
 Taken from the issue of the Free Press of Thursday, May 4, 1893.

The second phonograph concert given by Rev. Byron Laing under the auspices of the Epworth League was thoroughly enjoyable and about 300 attended. Rev. M. Laing was very generous in the number of selections, comprising several of the best Canadian and American bands, musicians and vocalists and eight addresses by prominent speakers. Miss Hefstrom sang a beautiful solo "Trust" and it was reproduced on the phonograph. No other such entertainment can be arranged with so little trouble. The great affair of the World's Fair at Chicago were being open Monday when president Cleveland pushed the button that set in motion the speeches, music and booming of canons. No other city in the world would have expended such a sum of money. When it is all finished Chicago will have spent fully \$25,000,000. Chicago fair is fully four times larger than Paris. The total accommodation beats everything. What can be done with such large structures after the show, except to turn them into poor houses for the speculators. Liquor licenses in Halton have been reduced to less than half the number twenty years ago. The mysterious disappearance of Mr. William R. . . . has caused quite an excitement in the community and great anxiety is felt concerning his whereabouts. He was known to have spells of frequent mental aberration and imagined that the Lord had called upon him to annihilate himself. Various ponds were dragged to no avail.

**50 years ago**  
 Taken from the issue of the Free Press of Thursday, May 9, 1918.

The Wednesday afternoon half holiday will enable clerks and businessmen to spend their time in making gardens and increasing production. The play "The Dostrick Skule" was given by the 50 members of the company at Erin. All 400 seats in the hall were sold days before and about 100 paid for the privilege of standing. Mr. Neil McNabb acted the part of the old school master through Corporal Ritchie going over-seas. Lieut. Ernest Wordan, son of H. H. Wordan, formerly of Acton, has been awarded the Military Cross. Mr. Robinson Anderson, Nazsagaweya, who was injured in a runaway accident, is in precarious condition. Gangerone sat in his leg; it was amputated at his home and then he was taken to Guelph General Hospital. Sgt. Polkinghorne of Limehouse has been awarded the Distinguished Conduct Medal. The blessed memories of loving deeds of mothers are brought to mind this week. Miss Lorna Kennedy won third prize and a pretty bronze medal for her essay on the Victory Loan. Really, it doesn't seem quite becoming for a man to be seen loafing in the evenings and then gardening all day Sunday.

**100 years ago**  
 Taken from the issue of The Canadian Champion, April 30, 1866.

One of those abominable institutions called charivaris was enacted in Milton on Saturday night last. The occasion of a wedding in high life, at the fashionable west end, was the moving cause. The gallant knight of the Scissors and the fair but frail Melinda, youngest daughter of Dr. Smith, Kingston, alluded to in our account at the skirminish of Warrendale, were united in the holy bands of wedlock, and because "no cards were issued" the boys took offence and got up a "shivaree". For a wonder it ended up with "nobody hurt." Remember the Cricket Meeting tomorrow, (Friday) evening, at Wallace's hotel, at 8 o'clock. On the 20th inst., at Campbellville, born to the wife of Mr. John Coote, a son. MRS. WINSLOW'S SOOTHING SYRUP for children's teething. Greatly facilitates the process of teething, by softening the gums, reducing all inflammation -- will allay all pain and spasmodic action and will serve to regulate the bowels. Depend upon it, mothers, it will give you rest to yourselves and relief and health to your infants. Sold by druggists throughout the world. Price only 25¢ per bottle.

### Free Press Church Notices

**THE CHURCH OF ST. ALBAN THE MARTYR ANGLICAN**  
 Corner Willow St. and St. Alban's Drive  
 Rev. H. J. Dawson, B.A., B.Th.

SUNDAY, MAY 5th, 1968  
 Easter III  
 9.00 a.m.—The Holy Eucharist.  
 10.30 a.m.—Church School.  
 10.30 a.m.—Holy Eucharist  
 Coffee hour after service to meet Rev. Dawson.

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

SUNDAY, MAY 5th, 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 TABERNACLE**  
 P.A.O.C. 33 Churchhill Road  
 Rev. S. M. Thoman, Pastor, 853-2715.

SUNDAY, MAY 5th, 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.  
 "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. Lohmes

SUNDAY, MAY 5th, 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 877-4445

**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, MAY 5th, 1968  
 Trinity United Church  
 10.00 a.m. — Morning Worship (Nursery provided)  
 Churchhill United Church  
 11.30 a.m. — Morning Worship  
 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 Gannon  
 Res., 144 Tildey Ave., Phone 853-1615.

SUNDAY, MAY 5th, 1968  
 9.45 a.m.—Church School and Adult Bible Class.  
 11.00 a.m.—Morning Worship.  
 7.00 p.m.—Service conducted by five young people from Oshawa who visited Mission Stations in Bolivia and will speak on what they did and saw.  
 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.  
 "In as much as ye did it unto one of the least of these my brethren, ye did it unto me."  
**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, MAY 5th, 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.—Divine Worship  
 8.30 p.m.—Adult Study Group in Mary Ellen Anderson Room. Leader: Mr. Harold Swallow.  
 Everyone Cordially Welcome