

### Charitable concern ...

Walking for worthy causes is becoming a major preoccupation for Canadians. Last weekend tens of thousands participated in hikes for OXFAM and the weekend before Acton and district teenagers raised over \$1,300 for the Cancer Society.

We've heard some criticism of the Acton marathon by people who said the teens would be better occupied doing chores at home.

We think these people have missed the point of the whole thing.

Sure, there's a spirit of adventure and competition which draws many to participate in these events who wouldn't

otherwise walk around a block. However, there is also a desire to help a worthy cause which shows through all the enthusiasm for athletic endeavors.

Today's teenager is struggling for identity in a society which threatens to engulf him or her in an endless merry-go-round of pursuits which do little to encourage thoughtfulness for others or personal charity.

That's why it was good to see the teenagers of Acton and district showing concern for the cancer society. Perhaps the money they raised will help find a cure for a disease which has struck many families in this district.

### Free Press Editorial Page

### Why close stations?...

The success of Ontario's GO Transit commuter service is being measured in dollars and cents but perhaps the service it performs for commuters is forgotten.

Four million people will have ridden on the GO trains in its first year of operation, Heavy Construction News reports.

Public acceptance was shown so early that 14 additional cars were ordered last summer to expand the fleet to 63 units. The service was expected to carry 15,000 riders a day but peak

traffic exceeded 18,000 daily.

New equipment will boost capacity to 20,000 riders.

The success of the operation indicates there is a ready-made answer to highway congestion right on the doorstep of most towns in the Metro area.

Any wonder why ratepayers want to know why the CN wants to close stations when the railways may be in for their biggest passenger boom since the West was colonized.

### People ... not numbers

How many times have you quoted statistics to prove a point? More often than you remember. There's something weighty and impressive about reeling off figures. But how many of us stop to think that behind most numbers there are people?

It's the people we want to talk about today. The almost 600,000 men, women and children in this country who are mentally retarded. Some of these people live right here ... there are about 40 of them enrolled in Sunshine School or actively engaged at H.O.P.E. Adult Workshop. They're members of a family you may know, or know about.

Every year 17,000 babies are born who will be mentally retarded. That's another large number ... so think about it this way: one baby every 45 minutes ... three out of every hundred. Too close for comfort? Yes, but closing

your eyes and your mind to it won't help.

What will help is learning as much as you can about mental retardation. What causes it, how it can be prevented, how the retarded can be helped.

Sunday marks the beginning of Canadian Retarded Children's Week - Mother's Day - a family day. We urge our readers to contact the North Halton Association for the Mentally Retarded to find out what is being done for the retarded ... and what needs to be done. Only one in 10 is getting help. You can reduce those odds with your interest and support.

In the mail this week you'll receive "Flowers of Hope" seeds. Be sure to plant these flower seeds in your garden. And don't forget to mail your donation to ensure the continued program for the mentally retarded in the North Halton area.

### Snack happy Canucks ...

Canadians are becoming as snack-happy as Americans, according to a Canadian Grocer survey of snack food manufacturers. This market is heading for the biggest year in its history.

The boom in "munch, crunch and dip" snack foods has drawn major companies into the field and more are expected to jump on the bandwagon.

In 1966, Canadians munched, scrunched and chewed their way through 66 per cent more snacks, including potato chips, than they did 10 years ago. In 1965-66, they spent \$20 million on potato chips alone.

Impulse buying plays an important role in supermarket sales of snack foods.



WHICH CAME FIRST, the tree on the right or the one on the left? The conjunction on the former Duncan MacDougall farm resembles nothing as much as a piece of modern sculpture. We'll call it Monkey Bars. (Staff Photo)

### Sugar and Spice

by bill smiley



Don't be surprised if you hear of Chas. Whipp turning up in Rio de Janeiro under an assumed name, like Horace N. Buggie Whipp.

He's taking a terrible beating on the polls, all the way from Chilliwack, B.C., and North Battleford, Sask., right down to the east coast.

Maybe Charlie has received the same amount of mail on his poll, but I doubt it. And thanks, all of you kind, warm people who took the time to encourage me to go on telling it as it is, and telling Charlie that ... well, never mind. Let's drop it. He's probably a nice guy who has to snarl at somebody every so often to retain his sanity. I do.

Like right now. My wife, who has been away at college for six months, is lying on the chesterfield. After half a year of cooking, I'm still doing it. She had an operation. But it wasn't on her mind. Or her tongue. They're as active as ever.

My kid, who has about 20 days to avoid being a Grade 12 failure, and at the same time is supposed to be preparing for her A.R.T.C. piano exam, is lying in the sack, groaning, with a swollen gland and fever.

My son left Monday for the wilds of Northern Quebec, to make his fortune. For the fourth time. With a little stake from Dad, just to get him started.

Oh, well, there's always something to cheer you up. I've been in stitches, like surgical, since my wife decided to "do" my income tax this year, and save the cost of an auditor. Right at the moment, we're thousands of dollars ahead of the game. It's a delicious feeling, but I don't think it will last. There are a couple of clauses she's not sure of.

By the way, did you ever try, as an ordinary layman, to read one of those dandy little booklets your friendly revenue department is putting out to "help" you?

In the first place, as an old printer, I swear it cost a million dollars to print. In the second, who needs it? The booklet is written in auditor's language, which is second only to that of lawyer's incomprehensibility.

If it takes you 30 pages to tell you how to fill out your income tax form, there's something rotten in the state of Canada. Especially if you don't have a clue when you've finished reading it.

I have a suggestion for the government. The booklet could be cut to half the size, and written in plain English, by any reasonably competent writer, with an auditor at his shoulder.

And I can tell you something right now. The handy little booklet is not designed to "help" you. It's deliberately cloaked in language that the ordinary man does not understand.

For the guy on a salary, it's comparatively simple. His tax deductions, however they hurt, are made at source. But for the small businessman, the farmer, the contractor, it's a maze of pitfalls and pitfalls.

Here's a sample of the sparkling prose of the revenues. It's entitled: BALANCE PAYABLE OR REFUND. It says, "As indicated on the T1 General Form, your Balance is to be determined by subtracting from your Total Payable (Tax and/or Canada Pension Plan contribution Payable on Self-Employed Earnings) the total credits (Tax deducted per T4 and T4A slips. Amounts paid by instalments and Canada Pension Plan Overpayment).

What does that mean? And why the brackets? And why the capitals? It's not English. It's not comprehensible. It's pure gobbley-gook.

Ah, I guess I shouldn't get so annoyed. I can take it. I'm still working. But my heart goes out to all those on the fringe, who've worked like dogs all their lives, and wind up with dog food.

### Free Press

### back issues

### 20 years ago

Taken from the issue of the Free Press of Thursday, May 6, 1948.

On Wednesday morning of this week Mr. Clarence Hill caught an 18 1/2 inch brown trout in the Sixteen Mile Creek.

The Royal Cafe which has been owned and operated the past three years by Bill Lee has been sold to George Wong of Port Hope.

Miss J. Rumley, nurse-in-training at Guelph General Hospital is home for the holidays.

Gala Opening! The new Romy Theatre opening presentation: "Mother, Where's Father?" starring Betty Grable.

Stanley Hall was unanimously chosen Progressive Conservative Candidate for Halton County in the Provincial Election to June.

The monthly pre-school immunization clinic will be held at the town hall on Friday.

Everyone interested in a new swimming pool for Acton should attend the meeting in the town hall, Wednesday, May 12.

A pleasant evening was spent at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Blaine, Fourth Line, when old neighbors and friends gathered to bid farewell to Mr. and Mrs. H. Switzer prior to their leaving for their new home near Hillsburg where they have bought the McKinnon farm.

Bob Martin's Orchestra, popular dance band is to appear again during the coming summer program at the Acton Park Pavilion. The dancing floor is in excellent shape.

In 13 of the United States of America, women cannot sit on juries.

### 50 years ago

Taken from the issue of the Free Press of Thursday, May 16, 1918.

An amendment to the Ontario Temperance Act provides that grocers and druggists may not in future sell flavoring extracts or essences containing alcohol except in bottles containing no more than two and one-half ounces. The law also requires that a record of all sales be kept, the addresses of the purchaser, the date and the quantity sold.

Last Saturday afternoon, when J. D. Burt was leaving the sole leather tannery to enter the military service, his fellow-employees presented him with a fine wrist watch.

A Draftee Complains of Cold Feet - A young man who appeared before the Exemption Tribunal in Milton about a week ago asked exemption on the ground that he was troubled with cold feet. He intended this to be taken literally, but his pleas caused amusement - Champion.

Miss Myrtle Dills of Toronto, spent the weekend at her home here.

Mr. George Hynes, Jr., inspector of shells at Guelph, was home for the weekend. 39¢ Cash for Eggs - at Patterson's Meat Shop. Rib roast, 4¢ choice heavy steers - 28¢ lb., round steak - 20¢ lb., loins of pork - 35¢ lb., back bacon - 35¢ lb.

Mr. Jeremiah Bell is greasing a new engine on his property on Church St. for his new Maxwell.

A merchant can get along without advertising and so can a wagon without grease - but it goes hard.

The Dominion Gas Co. has cut off Brantford's supply of natural gas by taking up the pipes.

### 75 years ago

Taken from the issue of the Free Press of Thursday, May 11, 1893.

The Station Hotel has been leased by a Mr. Hamilton of Guelph.

The law requires that a bicycle be given half the road. At Hamilton a short time ago a farmer named Chender was fined \$25 for failing to give way and running over Mr. Cattris of the Hamilton Bicycle Club.

The betrothal of the duke of York and princess May of Teck was celebrated with a family dinner at Buckingham palace. The Canadian Co. of Deseronto has received an order for 3,000 doors from England and shipments are frequently made to Africa and Australia.

The Provident Bounty Association of London, England, is prepared to insure married couples against twins and triplets. Parents who desire this kind of insurance pay in \$25 and in the case of twins they will receive \$250, triplets \$375. The officers of the association are confident the idea will bring enormous profit since the number of twins and triplets in any community is comparatively small.

Testimonial - I have used Minard's Lintment freely on my head and now have a good head of hair after having been bald for several years. It is the only hair restorer I have ever found - Mrs. C. Anderson.

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### 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 12th, 1968 Easter IV 9:00 a.m.—The Holy Eucharist. 10:30 a.m.—Church School. 10:30 a.m.—Morning Prayer.

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

SUNDAY, MAY 12th, 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 PENECOSTAL TABERNACLE P.A.O.C. 33 Churchhill Road Rev. S. M. Thoman, Pastor, 853-2715.

SUNDAY, MAY 12th, 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. Lohnas

As I think now of my mother, Am I what I ought to be? Does she really know the love for her That dwells inside of me? Do I really do her bidding, Like the Christ of long ago, Well, my fervent prayer is this, That my actions show it so.

Mother's Day is a special day at Maple Ave. Baptist Church. To mothers in our Sunday morning service will be shown special honors. Make this truly a spiritual day by attending church with the whole family.

SUNDAY, MAY 12th, 1968 9:45 a.m.—Sunday School. All ages. Services 11 a.m. and 7 p.m. Pastor: Rev. Robert C. Lohnas Acton 853-1956 Georgetown 877-6665

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.

CHRISTIAN FAMILY SUNDAY, MAY 12th, 1968 10:00 a.m. - Morning Worship (Nursery provided)

Sacrament of Infant Baptism. Foreign University students of University of Guelph, McMaster University and the University of Toronto will be guests of the church and community this weekend.

Churchill United Church 11:30 a.m. - Morning Worship SUNDAY SCHOOL 10:00 a.m.—Junior School (to Gr. 4). 11:45 a.m.—Senior School (Gr. 5 to Gr. 8).

ACTON BAPTIST CHURCH Founded 1842 Pastor: Rev. Stanley Gammon Res., 144 Tilday Ave., Phone 853-1615.

SUNDAY, MAY 12th, 1968 MOTHER'S DAY 9:45 a.m.—Church School and Adult Bible Class. 11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship. 7:00 p.m.—Evening Worship. 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. "My son, hear the instruction of thy father and forsake not the law of thy mother." Prov. 1: 8.

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

CHRISTIAN FAMILY SUNDAY, MAY 12th, 1968 9:45 a.m.—Church School and Confirmation Class withdrawn (this Sunday only). 11:00 a.m.—Christian Family Service. Sermon theme, "The Unbroken and Undivided Christian Home." Christian Baptisms of children. Children and their parents are invited to attend and worship together. Everyone Most Welcome



### Photos from the past



KING'S ORDERLIES Bible Class, pictured early in the first World War, are not all identified yet in this old picture. Can anyone fill in the blanks? Top row: Jack Nelson, —, Jimmy Louttit, Frank Kennedy, George Murray, Bob Brown, William Evans, Orwell Johnston. Second row: Spielvogel, —, —, Bert Caldwell, —, Neil McNabb, Henry Denny, Earl Vincent, Joe Watson. Third

row: Arthur Watson, John L. Moore, Martin Moffitt, Rev. Charles Draper, Victor Coleman, Nelson Moore, William H. Stewart Fourth row: William Brown, —, Ernest Brown, —, William McNabb, —, George Elliott, Richard Brown. Front row: Harvey Rath, Jack Watson, Victor Gunton, Ross Burt, H. P. Moore, A. T. Brown, —, Lambert.

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