

## Large shoes to fill ...

When Halton County unveiled its new film "The Man and the Boy" last week, one of the speakers who congratulated the County Industrial Commission was Dr. Harry Harley, M.P.

He said this visit was perhaps his last official one to the county and took the occasion to express his thanks for the "honor and privilege" of representing Halton in Ottawa.

Dr. Harley remarked the film showed parts of the county many of us had little knowledge of; that the county had lots to offer any prospective industry or business.

"We could draw a parallel between the little known but important spots in Halton to Dr. Harley's work in the House of Commons. Most of us are not fully aware of the heavy duties he undertook when in the House as our representative. Now that he's retiring from that phase of his political life, he's got a lot to offer any field he intends to enter."

Dr. Harley's decision to retire from politics on the federal level has thrown

the ring wide open for all parties in the coming election. He personally fought in three campaigns, emerging as winner each time.

The government recognized his competence by naming him to head investigations into the cost and safety of drugs, as well as chairman of the explosive hearing on divorce and abortion. In addition to his duties as Halton's representative, these extras made Dr. Harley's work "hard, formidable indeed."

Yet, it is the measure of the man that whenever we had occasion to talk to him, he preserved an unflinching courtesy, coupled with a boyish charm, which put one completely at ease. There were no pompous speeches or evasions which sometimes elected representatives seem to pick up as their years of service increase.

Dr. Harley represented Halton well in the years he was in the House.

His retirement leaves a large pair of shoes to fill.



DRESSED in the traditional Indian sari, a lady leads some of the foreign students visiting in Acton over the weekend down steps which lead to Beardmore and Co. offices. The students were in Acton as guests of the United Church Women. (Staff Photo)

## Free Press

## back issues

### 20 years ago

Taken from the issue of the Free Press of Thursday, May 13, 1948.

Recovery of \$25,530 worth of bonds, stolen from the Bank of Nova Scotia branch at Campbellville, more than a year ago, was announced by Canadian Pacific Railway's Investigation Department.

The money, in a paper bag, was found on a girder Friday by a gang of C.P.R. painters working on the Mountain Street bridge in Montreal. The money was turned over to railway investigators, who notified the C.P.P. Inspector C. W. Wood of the Ontario force, to identify the bonds.

Mr. W. K. Graham left last week for a holiday trip to Chicago and California. The budget to be presented on Tuesday next by Finance Minister Abbott is hopefully awaited.

New tenants in Wartime Housing, this week are Leonard Cripps, Irvle Cripps, J. Chapman, Bus Morton and I. Miron. No. 25 Highway between Acton and Milton is getting very rough again. Constant grading is required until the surface is paved.

### 75 years ago

Taken from the issue of the Free Press of Thursday, May 11, 1903.

The following notice was found posted at the gate of a cemetery near Dlopp, in France:

"Owing to the crowded condition of this cemetery only those living in the community will hereafter be buried in it."

It is officially stated that the Earl of Aberdeen has been appointed Governor-General of Canada.

Acton's assessment this year is \$248,715.

Brown's saw mill was idle several days during the week owing to an accident to the engine last Friday.

Messrs. Charles & Co. have opened their new stock of Groceries and Crockery in Mrs. Secord's Block and invite the public to inspect it.

Thomas Ford was strangled to death by a station near Lambeth on Saturday. Rev. J. Edge and Mr. H. P. Moore are attending the annual District Meeting at Guelph.

### 50 years ago

Taken from the issue of the Free Press of Thursday, May 23, 1918.

During the electrical storm early on Monday morning the house of Mr. Jacob Bauer, Beardmore Crescent, was struck by lightning. The current ran down the stove pipe, through the stove and along the kitchen floor, ripping up the linoleum. Fortunately there was little other damage done.

Sergt. Perry was home from Hamilton and Ple. Weadge from Toronto on weekend leave.

One on the Harbor -- The barber shop was well patronized when it walked a shabby stranger.

"Good morning sir!" called the barber doubtfully.

"Good morning," replied the stranger. "My good man will you shave one side of my face for a penny?"

The barber winked at his waiting customers. "Certainly," he replied. "Take a seat, please."

Presently it was the shabby stranger's turn to occupy the seat of honor.

"Now, which side shall I shave?" asked the barber.

"The outside," replied the shabby stranger meekly.

The man who is well satisfied with himself has trouble in getting along with other folks.

### 100 years ago

Taken from the issue of The Canadian Champion, Milton, May 14, 1868.

The Chief Constable of Brampton has been attending to some gentlemen who expressed their Fedan predilections down there. One man named Peter Broddy, who claims to be a Scotchman, though born in Ireland, was accused of saying sundry disloyal things when under the inspiration of a quantity of whiskey. The evidence after he was brought before the magistrate was not found sufficient to convict him and he was discharged. Another person who hails from the States, and who has been driving pigs for a drover, has been imprisoned but will likely be liberated soon.

The following Militia order has been issued in reference to the Queen's Birthday: The several Corps of Volunteers in Quebec and Ontario will assemble at noon on Saturday, the 23rd inst., and fire a feu de joie in the usual manner in honor of Her Majesty's birthday, at the garrisons of Montreal, Quebec, Ottawa, Kingston, Toronto, Hamilton and London. The volunteers will act in conjunction with Her Majesty's troops, in case the officers commanding the garrisons at those stations would desire such co-operation; and the senior officers in communication with the officers commanding Her Majesty's forces at the station above named for the purpose.

## Free Press Editorial Page

### Those 10 acre lots ...

East Gwillimbury Township has moved to ban homes on 10-acre lots.

A by-law prohibiting single-family homes on lots between 10 and 25 acres has been passed by township council and is now awaiting approval by the Ontario Municipal Board.

The township like many other municipalities, believes the 350 ten-acre lots already in its area represent un-economical land use and poor planning.

Building homes on lots up to 10 acres remains legal, subject to the usual township by-laws. Parcels over 25 acres are considered as farms. Without the by-law, the township has no control over the 10-25 acre lots.

Esquipping township council, somewhat amazed at the million dollar figure building permits amounted to during the month of April, discussed possible solutions to the same problem at their last meeting. Most of the per-

mits were issued for houses.

Despite the good intentions of home builders there are few who will be able to keep up more than the space the house and a good-sized lawn. What else is there for the land but to revert to bad weeds?

This creates two additional problems. Adjoining farmers protest the weeds which throw seeds on their farms. In most cases, too, nine acres of once productive farm land stands sterile, producing nothing in a world where we are told over half the people go to bed hungry.

It's a shame to see once productive fields go to seed. It is also heart-rending for families to be without adequate housing.

Councils in the rural areas are torn between a desire for good planning and a humane attitude for the housing shortage.



## Sugar and Spice

by Bill Smiley

Sometimes you feel like Atlas, trying to carry the world on your shoulders. With a slipped disc and an arthritic knee.

Well, what can you do? You can't drop it. It would break into pieces. And you can't set it down for a rest. You know you could never pick it up again.

This is the predicament in which the average middle-aged husband and father finds himself most of the time.

That's the fellow you find wandering dazedly in a supermarket; or blundering through a swamp trying to catch a seven-inch speckled trout; or playing golf with intense inaptitude.

If you ask him, he'll swear that he's not quite over the hill yet, that he can carry his world for another few steps. But if you corner him and quiz him, you'll find that he's not only over the hill, but sliding down the other side so fast there'll be nothing but a grease-ball left when he hits the bottom.

He'll also be broke, if he has a wife. My old lady, after a couple of quiescent weeks following an operation, is in full cry again.

"What do you really think about that crumbly old bedroom suite?" We bought it on sale 15 years ago. As far as I'm concerned, it's fine. There's a raised platform, called a bed, on which to sleep, and a number of drawers without handles, which I can open with a screwdriver. It's perfectly adequate.

"What do you do in a bedroom anyway, except to go to sleep and get up and stumble around in the morning?" I ask in all honesty.

She gives me a withering look. Apparently there are all sorts of things a bedroom is handy for. Like putting ladies' coats in when you have a party. Or cutting your toenails in.

To me, the bedroom suite we have seems quite suitable for those and other minor activities.

But my wife feels it doesn't have tone, class, elegance or practically anything worthwhile -- it's just a place to sleep. Exactly my point. Her ideas run toward a new bedroom suite, fresh decorating, and a lot of other things that aren't going to make me sleep or do anything else any better than I do in the present shabby, lovable, little joint.

I can't for example, see me tying my tie with any more flair with a new bedroom suite in the background. I can't see that a new eggshell-blue interior is going to make me look or feel any better when I sit on the edge of the bed, groaning gently and scratching, at 7:30 a.m.

I fail to realize that broadloom is going to give me anything but a big bank loan. It certainly isn't going to make me spring out of that new sack every morning, carrying:

"Here hath been dawning another new day. Think, wilt thou let it slip us--less away!"

It's not really that I'm an old curmudgeon. It's just that I've been through it before. We once started out with a new sink in the bathroom. Eventually, I wound up with something resembling a sultan's bath chamber, in black and pink and debt up to my ears.

Just to cheer old Atlas up this week, Kim has been diagnosed as the possessor of infectious mononucleosis. It sounds pretty impressive, but like most things that do, it's just a big pain in the arm. It's bad enough to have a teen-ager around the house anytime. But to have a sick one!

The doc said she wasn't to study, work or play the piano. But he didn't say anything about arguing or being snippy or throwing cold water on her parents' hopes and plans for her.

If you hear a tremendous thud one of these days, Atlas has shrugged.

### Editorial notes ...

And the origin of the name Ontario? In native Indian, it is generally accepted as "Ontare" meaning lake, and "io", beautiful.

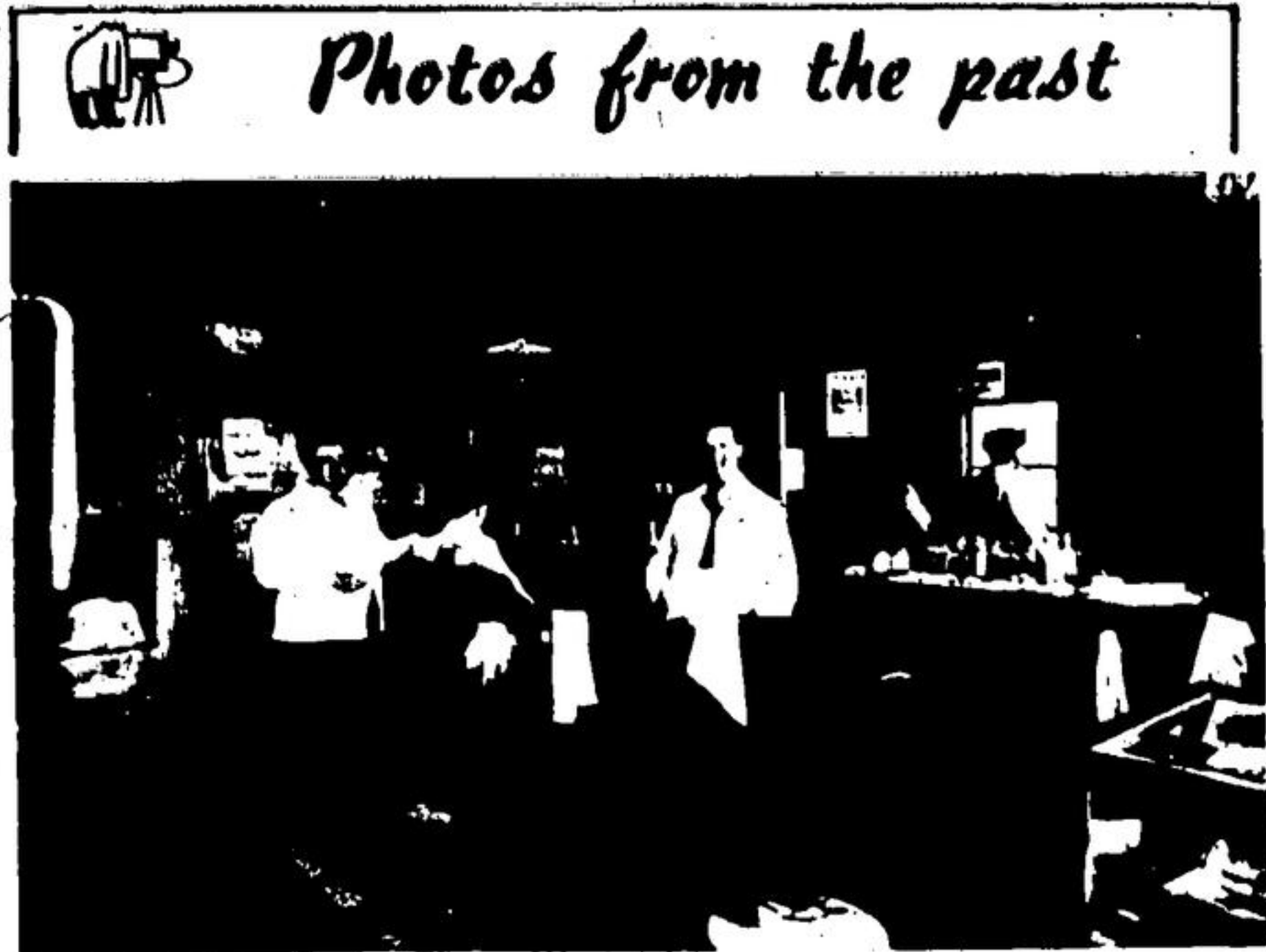
Spring has sprung. Leaves are at the newest, blending in many shades against dark evergreens. Blossoms on the fruit trees add fragrance to fresh spring breezes and etch floral patterns on a sky which carries billowy white clouds like meringue over the earth's changing crust.

If the CN closes Acton station there will be some truth in the old saw about "running to catch the train".

Department of Lands and Forests personnel report seeing 20 white pelicans over the Lake of the Woods in northwestern Ontario.

"A wonderful bird is the pelican. His beak can hold more than his belican."

Safety officials in England say women driving with tight fitting foundation garments, close-fitting dresses and high-heeled shoes are dressed to kill. The clothes make them irritable and distracted and their driving reflects their condition. "Perhaps the ideal outfit would be nothing at all," comments an official, "but that would be distracting for other drivers."



SANDY McLEAN'S barber shop in 1921 showed Mr. McLean at the left, his customer Roy Arnold and barber Harry Mainprize. The shop was on Mill St., about where the Bank of Nova Scotia

is now. It was a gathering place where men would talk, warm up by the stove and play checkers. Mr. Mainprize owns the picture.

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## 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 19th, 1968  
Easter V

9:00 a.m.—The Holy Eucharist  
10:30 a.m.—Church School  
10:30 a.m.—Holy Eucharist.

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

SUNDAY, MAY 19th, 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 PENYECOSTAL TABERNAACLE**  
P.A.O.C. 33 Churchhill Road  
Rev. S. M. Thoman, Pastor, 853-2715.

SUNDAY, MAY 19th, 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. Lohnes

SUNDAY, MAY 19th, 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 877-6665

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.

SUNDAY, MAY 19th, 1968  
Trinity United

10:00 a.m.—Morning Worship (Nursery provided)  
"The State of the Church"  
— a report of Hamilton Conference.  
— Rev. Gordon Turner preaching.  
Churchill 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 Gammon  
Rev. 144 Tidey Ave., Phone 853-1615.

SUNDAY, MAY 19th, 1968

9:45 a.m.—Church School and Adult Bible Class.  
11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship  
7:00 p.m.—Evening Worship  
Tuesday, May 21, 8 p.m.—Miss Mildred Law, missionary from India. Everyone welcome to hear Miss Law speak.  
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

SUNDAY, MAY 19th, 1968

9:45 a.m.—Church School for ages 3 to 15 years.  
9:45 a.m.—Minister's Church Membership Class for Teenagers.  
11:00 a.m.—Public Worship of God. Sermon subject, "Prayer for Wisdom."  
Everyone Most Welcome