

## Complexion of Youth and Age

Some of the most interesting figures on the complexion of Halton County come from the County Assessor's office after being accumulated from local assessor offices across the county. Figures have a way of getting passed over, however, and after the basic task of all the effort is met — equalization of the county rate — the figures go into many files.

We found the population figures particularly interesting this year, because they interpret the county's complexion of youth and age. Like any set of figures the coloring they get dramatically affects their understanding. For instance you can say "43.6 per cent of the population is under 20 years of age" or you can shade it a little different by saying "over 55 per cent of the population is over 20".

With that qualification we took a look at the population figures by municipalities and it is surprising how the percentages on age run so uniformly across the county. For example the under 20 age bracket by municipalities goes like this: Acton 40 per cent, Burlington 44 per cent, Georgetown 40 per cent, Milton 41 per cent, Oakville 42 per cent, Esquesing 44 per cent and Nassagaweya 41 per cent.

It has often been said how difficult it is to keep young people on the farm, and while they may not be farming there's a healthy under-20 population in the two rural townships. At the other end of the scale, the 70 and over bracket, there are 5,237 in Halton. Of those Milton had 261, Acton 228, Georgetown 401, Esquesing 337, and Nassagaweya 125.

Taking the unofficial designation for a "senior citizen" as being over 60 years of age you'll find Acton with 511, Burlington with 4,551, Georgetown with 819, Milton with 591, Oakville with 3,602, Esquesing 719 and Nassagaweya with 280. That represents a little better than 12 per cent of the county population.

In case you want to do your own figuring the following are the populations of the various municipalities: Acton 4,429, Burlington 71,643, Georgetown 12,617, Milton 6,421, Oakville 54,215, Esquesing 8,037 and Nassagaweya 2,894 for the total of 150,256.

There are also some institutions that have not been included in the above figures. These would include those in hospital or Manor at the time of the September return of the assessment rolls. Just so they aren't overlooked there were 138 in Burlington, six in Georgetown, 249 in Milton and 1,003 in Oakville. That gives a final population total of 161,652.

The total astounds us because it doesn't seem that many years ago when county population totals were being quoted in the 40,000 range.

The figures prove conclusively that Burlington has by far the largest population at 71,643 compared with Oakville's 54,215. Burlington's assessment is tops too at \$154,147,010 to Oakville's \$149,475,206. But in the taxable acreage Oakville leads with 63,556 acres to Burlington's 48,546. So which municipality is really the biggest? Depends on what figures you use.



**OWN WILD IRIS** rose on the shores of Fairy Lake, adding protective covering for any lurking pike or bass which might enjoy flowers. Dredging on the lake has not destroyed the various types of plant life on the shores. (Staff Photo)

## Free Press Editorial Page

### Premature death notice ...

George Wildman Ball, the new U.S. ambassador to the UN, is at it again. He writes: "The inevitable for Canada is its full integration with the U.S. integration which will require for its full realization a progressively expanding area of common political decision." With these and other words of sweet reason, The Financial Post says, Ball once again advises Canada to pack up its experiment in nationhood and let the U.S. take over.

Ball obviously thinks the instant we join the U.S. that living standards in this neck of the woods will shoot up. "I wonder if the Canadian people will be prepared indefinitely to accept, for the psychic satisfaction of maintaining a separate national and political identity, a per capita income less than three-fourths of ours."

The blessings of American citizenship, The Financial Post notes, haven't done much for the living standards of those in West Virginia, the Tennessee hill country and numerous other areas.

Quite aside from whether it would be pleasant to become part of a nation involved in conflicts we don't covet, it is extremely doubtful if the union would be profitable for Canadians.

It is interesting and significant that in the present and in recent decades,

no Canadian voices of significance have been advocating political union, commonwealth union, currency union, or anything of that kind. It is interesting and perhaps significant that 75 years ago when Canada was relatively much weaker than now the Canadian spokesman for U.S.-Canadian union were numerous, extremely vocal and very respectable.

The Financial Post makes this comment: For those who think there is a place in the world for small nations and who have a regard for Canada — and that regard is just the same quality of mind and heart that Americans have for their own country — the Ball prescription for our national requirement is not welcome.

### Off the cuff ...

The world's worst jokes delve into the variation of each well-known, hackneyed opus with sufficient detail to bore any guest to sleep.

Here's an Australian number: "They're crossing sheep with kangaroos."

"What for?" "To grow woolly jumpers."

## Sugar and Spice

by Bill Smiley

How would you like to be 17, spring-time and sick? Well, my daughter doesn't like it much, either. She's been cooped up in the house for about six weeks, while the sun grows warmer, the grass greener, the leaves leafier, and the juices of 17-year-olds course through their blood-stream.

Monocleosis. Never heard of it? Neither had I, until it entered our domain. It was as remote as malaria, hepatitis and jungle moust. But it seems that everybody I meet has a niece or granddaughter who has had it. These people almost invariably tell you that it takes about a year to get over it.

Then there are the others, who don't know anything about it, except, and they chortle, it's known as The Kissing Disease. I have been told this at least eight times a day since Kim came down with the scourge, and the next person who uses the term, even if it's a sweet, little, old gray-haired lady, is going to get a punch right in the nose. I'm absolutely certain that my daughter has never kissed anybody in her life except her dear old Mum and Dad. Well, fairly certain.

Picture a caged tigress, eyes burning with yearning for a good bite out of that life walking by the cage, and you have Kim. The picture of the same tigress toppling over on her side and rolling up her eyes until only the whites are showing, and you also have Kim.

It's a most peculiar business. It seems to occur to those who become run down, physically and emotionally. A lot of college students incur the thing in the Spring, when the pressures are heavy, exams are looming, and they are generally pooped.

Some of my best friends have suggested that Kim was in a weakened condition from eating my cooking all winter. This is a dirty lie. She put on weight.

One of the frustrating things about it is that there's no medication or cure for it, except time and the body's natural resilience. I would suggest that if your body has no natural resilience, if you can't touch your toes, you're a candidate. Put that in your throat and lump it.

Perhaps the worst thing about Kim's condition is that her sleeping schedule is all out of whack. She can sleep until 2 p.m., and about nine o'clock at night begins to come alive and pads around the cage until the tiny hours, switching lights on and off, fumbling things, and playing records. Gets to sleep at five a.m. and is dead for 12 hours.

However, that's enough about mono. Just wanted to give you the symptoms, in case your kid has it. Normally in Spring, we tip-toe among the tulips. This Spring, we tip-toe around the tigress.

This is not enough. My wife is about to undergo an operation and even though she hasn't had it yet, she's an expert. She has talked to about 20 women who have had it,

and entertains me with gay little details about ovaries and uteruses and stuff daily. Usually at meal hours.

Every time the phone rings she breaks into a cold sweat and palpitations. I called from work at lunch-hour the other day, to ask whether it was worth-while coming home for a corned-beef sandwich, and she almost fainted dead away, thinking it was the hospital calling.

She has her bag packed, her pyjamas washed, and her will made. She washes her hair every day, in case she's called. Her legs are raw from shaving them every day.

Some people tell her she'll be a year getting over it; others, three weeks. This makes summer plans rather uncertain. I'm seriously thinking of setting up a nursing home. Limited, of course, to post-operative cases and kids with mono. I'll be an expert, and might as well cash in, if I have to do the cooking and housework anyway.

I guess I shouldn't kick. I haven't the guts to keep a dental appointment. I am turned to stone at the sight of a hypodermic needle.

But it looks like a tough summer ahead for me and President de Gaulle.

### Editorial notes

If you've ever seen an editor who pleases everybody he will be neither sitting nor standing, and there will be a lot of flowers around him.

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## Free Press back issues

**20 years ago**  
 Taken from the issue of the Free Press of Thursday, June 10, 1948.

A stone and frame barn used for storage purposes on Mr. D. H. Lindsay's lot on Park Avenue was destroyed by fire last Friday afternoon. About 1,000 bushels of wheat, some felled straw, harness and horse racing equipment and machinery were also lost. Two fine hunting dogs were burned and one so seriously that it had to be destroyed.

The fire is said to have been caused by a youngster throwing lighted matches into the building and the police are investigating.

The Liberal Government at Ottawa is to lose one of its outstanding cabinet ministers and statesmen. Announcement was made that Mr. Hon. J. L. Halsey, Justice Minister and Finance Minister, during the late war, is to retire this month and return to his private law practice. This will prove a great loss to Canada's government and will be received with regret by the average Canadian, regardless of political affiliation.

Miss Nellie Williamson of Toronto is visiting with Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Brown.

Mr. Frank Daley and friend of Toronto visited at the home of Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Dills on Sunday.

Dr. Paul Bear, Georgetown, paid \$1,100 to G. A. Hogg, Thameston, for a brood heifer.

Miss Betty Lawson was successful in passing the Preparatory Division of Trinity College of Music.

**50 years ago**  
 Taken from the issue of the Free Press of Thursday, June 20, 1918.

An unthought-of result of the war has been the creation of a lead pencil industry in Japan. In 1914 Japan exported over 9,000,000 pencils and in 1916 the number had increased to 168,000,000. There is strong indication that many of the markets won by the Orientals will be held by them after the war, for they have the advantage of very cheap labor. Most of the lead which they use is imported from India and England.

War gardeners should not relax their efforts because it is too hot to be comfortable in the garden. It is too hot to be comfortable in the trenches but the war goes on. Keep hoeing. The results will be worth it.

The eighteen Oddfellows who motored from Streetsville for divine service here on Sunday evening set an excellent example by bringing their wives.

The charge against Amos Gardner, spy-side, of stealing chickens in Nassagaweya was dismissed by Judge Elliott. His employer gave evidence that Gardner was at home that night.

The last gap of stone road leading from Bronte to Acton is now being completed. Drivers of vehicles now have a splendid stone and concrete road from Acton to the heart of Toronto.

## 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, JUNE 16th, 1968  
 Trinity I  
 9:00 a.m.—The Holy Eucharist.  
 10:30 a.m.—Church School.  
 10:30 a.m.—Holy Eucharist.

**BETH-EL CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH**  
 Minister — Rev. P. Brouwer, B.A., B.D.  
 Acton, Ontario.  
 SUNDAY, JUNE 16th, 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 Churchill Road  
 Rev. S. M. Thomas, Pastor, 853-2715.  
 SUNDAY, JUNE 16th, 1968  
 10:00 a.m.—Sunday School.  
 11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship.  
 7:00 p.m.—Evangelistic Service.  
 Remember the area-wide Tent Crusade at Georgetown Plaza, beginning Friday, June 7, at 8 p.m., with Evangelist Franklin Walden.  
 Romans 6:23: "For the wages of sin is death but the gift of God is eternal life thru Jesus Christ our Lord".

**MAPLE AVENUE BAPTIST CHURCH**  
 81 Maple Ave., Georgetown.  
 Pastor: Rev. Robert C. Lohman  
 SUNDAY, JUNE 16th, 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 853-1966 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.  
 SUNDAY, JUNE 16th, 1968  
 Trinity United  
 10:00 a.m. — Morning Worship (Nursery provided).  
 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  
 Res. 144 Tidesy Ave., Phone 853-1615.  
 SUNDAY, JUNE 16th, 1968  
 9:45 a.m.—Church School and Adult Bible Class.  
 11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship.  
 No Evening Service.  
 Wednesday, 7:30 — Prayer Meeting and Bible Study.  
 Thursday, 8 p.m. — Choir practice.  
 "He that hath the Son, hath life, and he that hath not the Son of God hath not life." 1 John 5: 12.

**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, JUNE 16th, 1968  
 9:45 a.m.—Church School for ages 3 to 15 years.  
 11:00 a.m.—Divine Worship.  
 Sermon subject: "Christian Marriage is a Partnership".  
 8:30 p.m.—Adult Bible Study Group.  
 Everyone Most Welcome

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

### Photos from the past



The photo of the group of ladies was owned by the late Frank McIntosh. Would anyone who can name them write down the identifications and let the Free Press know?