

Free Press Editorial Page

Study will effect us...

The Metropolitan Toronto and Region Transportation Study which included all of Halton County, had the usual "bag of goodies" for communities along the lakeshore, but little in mind for this area.

Although there were four proposals submitted, on which the government would like comments made by municipalities in the region, there seems little likelihood of the last two being implemented.

Number one goal plan has all the earmarks of the one which will be selected as a guide for future development. It is characterized by a corridor of several large cities of between 300,000 to 500,000 population bounded by a "Parkway Belt" to the north, and located east and west of Metro between Hamilton and Oshawa. The cities would be linked to one another and to the regional centre by a system of commuter rail and expressways. They would be approximately 10 miles apart.

The "Parkway Belt", which would run five miles north of the Queen Elizabeth Way, is to be a dual purpose outer transportation corridor, and part of the regional recreation area.

Although the study was to have been concerned with transportation, it turned into a secondary consideration to an overall plan for the region.

Since the Minister of Transport, Mr. Hasketh, in his remarks at the meeting where the study was outlined, concluded that it will "effect the personal living of every family in this region", we can only hope it will receive much attention from municipal officials in Acton and district.

The government said it must select the plan that is going to be best for this region. Let us make sure that it is also going to be the best plan for this particular area.

It is a report which will require much thought and the best advice before anyone can make any knowledgeable suggestions.



FANCY CHAPEAUX were a field day highlight at the Robert Little field day Friday. Yaping a running commentary of the events are Gary Edge, Nellie Vander Kooy, Debbie Bousfield and Jim Frizzell. (Staff Photo)



Sugar and Spice

by bill smiley

Father's Day, as I've said many a time, is a farce only exceeded by Mother's Day. Well, this year, it was even farcical than usual, around our place.

It all started with a couple of birds trying to kill two birds with one stone. My birthday arrived this year on a Sunday in June, and my wife and daughter were delighted to realize that it was also Father's Day.

Usually, I do pretty well in June. First comes the birthday present, with cards and love and a pair of rubber waders, or something romantic like that, which I've been hinting about for a month, and which goes on my bill at the sports shop.

Then comes Father's Day, not long after, and the whole process is repeated, cards, love, a whiff of respect and some golf balls or other sentimental token which... (see previous paragraph).

I admit that it's a lot of nuisance for the family, but darn it, there should be one month in the year when a chap is compensated for growing older by picking up some loot he needs.

This year, the girls had it all figured out. They could avoid half of that sloppy nonsense of mucking about with cards, paper and ribbon, and trying to be decent to me until at least noon, and save money on the deal.

Well, I thought I'd go along with it, even though I know I was being had. I not only had a bath, but went to church. This tied in perfectly with the whole theme, that it was not only birthday but also Father's Day.

Spurred by all the money she was saving, my wife even remembered to get her own father off a card and gift, a little late as usual, but sincerely felt, nonetheless.

Everything went according to schedule. Kim had stayed out later than I had suggested on Saturday night, and I gave her hell when she came in.

But when we got home from church, all was serene, thanks to forgiving, big-headed Bill. She said, tentatively, "Happy Birth-

day, Dad," and I said "Thanks dear," and then I said, "And how about a Father's Day hug to cement the deal?" and got one.

Then we had the ceremony. She went off and brought in the box, gaily wrapped, and with one of her own inimitable home-made cards on top.

It's a full sheet of paper, with "Happy Birthday, Dad," at the top, in fancy lettering. Below is a sketch, two figures. Bottom left is a stocky figure, resembling a porcupine, graying, but with a jaunty red cap and coat, and a swinging scarf.

He has a sad, wistful smile, and one arm extended toward a bluebird which is flying away from him. Beneath the bird, in fine letters, is the inscription, "I give you all my love."

That nearly broke me up. But I blinked back the tears and opened the package. There was a shoe-box inside. My heart sank. Slippers! Who wants them? Stocking feet are good enough for me.

It was a pair of golf shoes, which I've needed for two years, and planned to buy this year, even if the crops failed. I have mentioned them only about 12 times since Easter.

However, they're expensive, and only too well did I know that my usual birthday and Father's Day gifts would have cost me twice as much. So I gave the girls the old exactly - what - I - wanted - how - did - you - know routine.

Within half an hour, everything was back to normal, with my wife asking plaintively why I wasn't like other men, who like to paint, and my daughter trying to find out why I'm so square about drugs and psychodelics and the whole lot.

But revenge is sweet, and I had mine. That night, my wife's father phoned. She thought it was about his Father's Day card and gift and apologized because it was late. He hadn't got it and seemed a little mystified.

Her mother wasn't. Picking up the phone she said, "Do you realize Father's Day is two weeks off, the third Sunday in June, not the first?"

And that, gentle reader, proves once again that guile is no match for goodness, and explains why I scored twice on gifts, as usual.

What's in a name...?

We can appreciate the sentiment behind last week's council resolution renaming the stream commonly known as the school creek to Henderson's Creek. We doubt very much if there is much historical accuracy in the new name.

It is also difficult to determine how the stream can be Henderson's Creek from its source to Fairy Lake and then become Black Creek where it leaves the lake.

Surely, it is the same stream? The earliest record we scanned gave the creek which was once a bubbly, fresh stream - the name Acton Creek. The pond which once lay behind the present Dills Printing property was called the Corporation Pond, not Henderson's Pond.

According to Acton's Early Days, the source of the stream is the spring on the third line, a little over a mile to the north, where it comes from the rock. "The creek flows through the Near property," the book reads, "comes down through the Mrs. Switzer's, Mrs. McPherson's, Mr. D. Young's and Mr.

W. A. Lasby's properties and then forms Corporation Pond, a mill privilege first used for the Old Holt Woolen Mill".

"Thence it passes through the school grounds, across Main St., one or two lots, and into Fairy Lake which covers an extent of 88 acres, forming a peninsula of the public park, and thence through the Old Mill on across Main St. again to the mammoth tannery of the Beardmore interests, the largest in the British Empire, which it supplies with splendid water for tanning purposes."

As you can see the pioneers did not consider the stream flowing from Fairy Lake different from the one entering the lake, no more than it was when it entered and left now vanished Corporation Pond.

Consequently if the newly named Henderson's Creek is to be so named, it should follow that Black Creek should have the same name.

Or is the naming of streams that aren't entirely in the Corporation council's prerogative?

Editorial notes...

Early birds in one part of Canada could be at the polls this election by 6 a.m. The Financial Post says. Under the Interpretation Act of July, 1967, all polling must be conducted by standard time whether or not provinces are on daylight time, and each electoral district, regardless of size, must use the same time throughout.

June - bride's month and Acton and district is supplying its share of lovely maidens at the altar. Handsome grooms, too.

If you are thinking of buying a house this year you'll find it increasingly hard - and expensive. The supply of mortgage money is "tight as a drum", and seems to be getting tighter. Mortgage interest rates may also be going higher.

Any form of government is no better than the men who run it.

If you can't get a lawyer who knows the law - get one who knows the judge.

Photos from the past



PUPILS AT GREENOCK school about 1897, with their teacher Mr. Archie McIntyre are: first row, Annie Currie, Donald Mann, Bertha Clark, Louisa Clark, Jennie Smith, Alice Stone, Mr. McIntyre, Ida Murray, Maggie Dron, Ethel Armstrong, Flora Clark, Jennie Allan, Maggie Johnston, Harvey Leslie, Will Near, Roy Wansborough, Ernest Near; second row: Ethel Reed, Maggie Boyle, Grace Brown, Jennie Crewson, May Cripps, Annie Allan, Grace McCutcheon, Kate Cripps, Edna Swackhamer, Myrtle Mann, Cecil McLachlan, Will

Cripps, Ed Murray, Will Armstrong; third row: Richard Near, Annie McArthur, Jennie Allan, Mabel McKeown, Daisy Lambert, Mabel Reed, Mattie Crewson, Lela Wansborough, Elva McLachlan, Lorena McLoughlan, Bert Armstrong, Alex Clark, Fred Crewson, Darwin Cripps; fourth row: Eddie Currie, Herb Allan, Billie McArthur, Bob Currie, Eddie Dron, Lorne McArthur, Chester McCain, Rob. Allan, Ed Allan, Hugh Allan, Andy Murray, Bob McKeown, Tom McCutcheon, Joe Allan, Basil Johnston, Will Forbes, Howard Lambert.

Free Press back issues

50 years ago 100 years ago

Taken from the issue of the Free Press of Thursday June 27, 1918

Taken from the issue of The Canadian Champion, Milton, June 18, 1868.

Total prohibition of the liquor traffic in the United States will go into effect in a few months. The \$2 million dollar emergency agricultural appropriation bill, with its rider for national prohibition from next July 1 until the American armies are demobilized after the end of the war was passed last week by the Senate without a roll call. Before final passage of the measure the Senate voted 45 to 6 to reaffirm the prohibition rider. The manufacture of beer has already been prohibited.

A concert of merit will be given in the Methodist Church, next Wednesday night. An excellent and varied programme will be given by the following talent: Mrs. Harold S. Nicklin, soloist; Miss Lillian Alderson, vocalist; Miss Baker and Miss Mason, in duet; Miss Bennett and Miss Marjorie Hope, readers; the Misses Mason, instrumentalists. Rev. Mr. Mayer will take the chair at 8 o'clock.

Miss M. Cooper's Millinery Opening last week attracted many of the ladies of Acton who admired the numerous styles. Mr. and Mrs. John Clarke are enjoying a couple of weeks at Muskoka.

Mrs. George Soper went to Mount Forest last week to visit her daughter Mrs. J. Livingstone.

Is there anything to be done in the Town of Milton on Dominion Day? Many of the surrounding towns are making their preparations, and if anything is to be done, speedy action is necessary. We trust that a committee of citizens will take the matter in hand and improve something for the occasion. There is a small gain left over from the Queen's Birthday celebration, and with small supplementary subscription, fireworks could be procured, or athletic games announced. At all events, we trust that the matter will be taken up. His Worship, the Mayor, will, we suppose, proclaim a general holiday.

We observe that the Grand Jury recommend a grant of \$100 to Chief Constable Burger for his daring and clever arrest of John Bottomley, alias Smith. We think the suggestion is a very proper one, and popular feeling would sustain even a larger grant by the County Council. Mr. Burger has incurred considerable trouble and expense in the matter, and has shown that if properly backed up, he would become the terror of evil doers. We trust that this is not the last arrest that Mr. Burger will make. May he effectually "weed out" the Regulators.

Can't happen here...?

When a gunman shot down Robert Kennedy to start another chain of tragic happenings in the United States, Canadians were understandably glad they were snug, north of the U.S. border.

Events in the U.S. where assassination of the brightest moral and political leaders in time of great unrest is becoming frequent, have been upsetting to its neighbors and allies. We are prone to look down our noses with the smug assumption it couldn't happen here.

Let's hope Canadians never copy the violent acts of U.S. politics like they follow American styles and entertainment.

The Georgetown Herald, commenting on Bobby Kennedy's assassination says events like this could happen here but it isn't likely because Canadian politicians are important at home but don't have the world-shaking influence of their American counterparts.

This is true, of course, but you don't have to turn the pages of Canadian history very far back to find a parallel situation. Thomas D'Arcy McGee was assassinated outside his Ottawa rooming house in 1868, a year after the Confederation, in which he played a large part. A misguided Fenian, part of the Irish American political movement did the deed and was later hung for it.

McGee had an international reputation as a poet, editor and orator and held important cabinet posts in the Canadian government. He was one of the brilliant men of the day - and like Kennedy, Irish.

When the mood is right, passions aroused and hatreds strong, no country is free of the threat of violence to its leaders. It was obvious from the increased police protection political figures in Canada received after Kennedy's assassination that the fear also exists here.

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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, JUNE 23rd, 1968  
Trinity II  
9:00 a.m.—The Holy Eucharist.  
10:30 a.m.—Church School.  
10:30 a.m.—Mattins.

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

SUNDAY, JUNE 23rd, 1968  
10:00 a.m.—English Service.  
11:00 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, JUNE 23rd, 1968  
10:00 a.m.—Sunday School.  
11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship.  
Evangelist Franklin Warden.  
7:00 p.m.—Tent Crusade.  
Georgetown Plaza.  
John 3: 3 — "Jesus answered and said unto him, 'Verily, verily, I say unto thee, except a man be born again, he cannot see the Kingdom of God!'"

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

SUNDAY, JUNE 23rd, 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 877-6645

**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.

Thursday, June 20, 8 p.m. — "Meet the Candidate" Night.  
SUNDAY, JUNE 23rd, 1968  
Sacrament of Holy Communion  
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).  
Sunday afternoon — Congregational Picnic, Rockwood Park.

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

SUNDAY, JUNE 23rd, 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 23rd, 1968  
9:45 a.m.—Final Session of Church School before summer vacation.  
11:00 a.m.—Divine Worship and Holy Communion. Communion Homily on "The Real Presence".  
June 30 - September 1 inclusive — Combined Summer Services with Trinity United congregation at 10 a.m. In Knox Church till end of July.  
Everyone Most Welcome

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