

OUR READERS WRITE:

R.R. 2, Rockwood
February 28, 1969

Dear Sir:

I have just finished reading an account of the Acton Chamber of Commerce opinion forum on regional government, and I think some comment is warranted. Former Reeve Bert Hinton can be passed off with Sinatra's famous "Doby Duby, Doo". His (Hinton's) plug for Queen's Park, i.e. our provincial government is the best in Canada draws but one comment from me. Our provincial government can be rated as poor, good, excellent, depending on how far you have your arm in the pork barrel.

Mr. George (don't knock me off the fence) Kerr's comments are worthy of scrutiny one "and very important advantages in planning" (we already have a \$10,500 plan in Nassagaweya) and garbage disposal. I see the latter as meaning that Burlington wants somewhere to dump its garbage and Nassagaweya could be it. Two Georges will sit on the fence (or sit back as he puts it, and watch the result, or in plain talk, see which way the wind blows).

Reeve Bill Hoey (a latecomer) again changed horses, and stated the Township of Nassagaweya was firmly resolved regional government should happen. Well I have news for him. A petition is being circulated, proves Nassagaweya is firmly resolved that regional government will not happen. (Some radical advocate secession to a point of withholding all taxes from Queen's Park and the newly formed education authority—as a starter.)

Association for Retarded Children. These members are not necessarily parents of retardates, but are people who have the interest of the retarded at heart—and more of these people are needed to help.

20 James St.,
Georgetown.

The Acton Free Press,
Acton, Ont.

Dear Sir:

I'm enjoying your paper very much—keep it just as it is—a good weekly paper.

I particularly enjoy the pictures which I know are costly to produce. Your editorials represent constructive thinking.

In this day of change for the sake of change it is refreshing to observe people such as your staff producing an outstanding Ontario weekly paper and yet avoiding the gutter type of reporting that is surely a desperate step for survival.

Enclosed find the money for renewal of my subscription.

E. Forgrave,
Georgetown.



WHEN THE SAP FROM maple trees begins to flow in early spring, mouths begin to water. Last year 227,000 gallons of maple syrup were produced in Ontario. While more than one million trees are tapped at present, there are approximately 70 million trees that could yield this unique product. Maple products cost more than other syrups and sugars for several reasons. One is that it takes 30 to 40 gallons of sap to make one gallon of syrup. Maple Syrup Festivals, held in many communities in Ontario, are becoming a popular annual event—Agriculture Photo

Protest flooding on No. 5 Sideroad

A gallery of roughly 30 persons crowded into the council chambers of Nassagaweya Township Monday evening.

Most, it appeared, were there to listen and occasionally participate in the hammering-out of the township's official opinion of regional government.

A few, though, were there to support A. L. Goutouki's petition to council concerning the flooding of No. 5 Sideroad in Lots One and Two.

Mr. Goutouki stated he represented six land-owners in the area whose properties were affected by the change in course of a stream due to dead trees and debris.

Councillors G. Angew and J. Watson were appointed to look into the matter including a trip to the site and report back to council.

Deputy-Reeve A. MacArthur inquired whether any reply had been received from the Township of Esquesing concerning the water supply at Milton Heights; and upon learning there had been none, suggested sending yet another letter to Nassagaweya's eastern neighbour.

CHURCHILL

Albert Cox hurt while rolling grain

By Mrs. Fred McArthur

Friends were sorry to hear Albert Cox met with an accident on Thursday when he got his fingers caught while rolling grain. He was taken to the Guelph Hospital, but was able to return home on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ward Hamilton visited on Friday with Mr. and Mrs. Ted Grainger at Port Credit.

Mr. and Mrs. James Buck and buys "of Georgetown" were Sunday visitors with Mr. and Mrs. Robert Kerr.

Mr. R. E. Goodwin and Mr. E. Craigie of Oakville visited with the Griffins on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Turner and family visited with her parents Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Julian at Brampton, on Sunday.

World day of Prayer will be held at Churchill Community Church on Friday afternoon at 2 p.m. Everyone welcome.

Miss Muriel McNichol of Weston held a dinner party for the family including Mr. and Mrs. Ted Saunders of Stouffville, Mr. and Mrs. Harper McNichol and son Barry, Miss Ann Hamilton and Mr. John Damon of Toronto and Mr. and Mrs. Ward Hamilton of R. R. 2, Acton.

Dr. and Mrs. Ben Wingrove of Ospringe were Sunday guests with Mr. and Mrs. Robert Kerr on Feb. 23, also Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Suggitt of Arthur, called at the same home.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Griffin of Erie and Mr. and Mrs. William Thompson of Acton visited on Sunday with Mr. S. E. Griffin and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene McElhinney of Milton, Mr. and Mrs. Harold Robson and Paul of Hornby, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Plouffe Sr., Mr. and Mrs. Charles Plouffe Jr. of Ballinac and Mr. and Mrs. George Elliott of Guelph visited on Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Joshua Thompson.

2,500 mile tour to Florida leaves happy memories for six Actonians

Mrs. R. L. Davidson has written, especially for the Free Press, an interesting account of the recent trip to Florida taken by six members of Acton's Golden Age Club. Mr. Davidson was club president, and he and his wife are noted for their friendliness and enthusiasm.

On February 1 at 6 a.m. we picked up Evelyn Near, Pearl Kennedy, Sadie Mason and Vera Stephens, and travelled down the second line to Milton where we joined the Norton bus trip with our hostess, Mrs. Doris Norton. Then on to Burlington and Hamilton, where our bus was filled. At Fort Erie we said good-bye to Canada for two weeks.

After viewing the sights through New York and Pennsylvania we stopped the first night at the Yorktowne Hotel in York, the first capital of the United States.

Sunday morning we toured Washington, saw the Lincoln Memorial government building grounds. We stood at the beautiful Arlington National Cemetery when a wreath was laid on President Kennedy's grave. Over 100 were there.

A sign on the way was a welcome to Betheville, the Blair House, where the first Agriculture Society was formed in Washington 180 years ago. After travelling through Virginia we landed for our next night at Lafayetteville. The pine trees on the hillside were grand but the grey moss we did not like. We thought what a beautiful trip it would be when the leaves were colored in the fall!

Coming to Orlando we saw our first oranges and orchids, and stayed in Jacksonville overnight. Then we left for Miami, arriving at the Shore Club.

We spent five nights and four days, touring around.

We saw the Queen Elizabeth, the ship which is now in the States. At Silver Springs we had a ride in a glass-bottomed boat to see the different fish in clear water caves. One bed was filled with pansies larger than any around Ontario.

The best we saw was at the Parrot Jungle where we enjoyed the beautiful parrots, who could roller skate, add and subtract, raise and lower a flag. One cockatoo rode a bicycle on a wire. The parrots would sit on your arm to have their picture taken.

There were winding trails through lush foliage to Flamingo Lake where 100 flamingos run. There were also two black swans and two sleepy old crocodiles. At the sequearium we saw sharks, seals and many other animals.

Porpoises put on a wonderful show. One jumped 17 feet out of the water to take a cigarette out of the boat's mouth.

The cypress trees or walking trees have their limbs hanging down to the water and taking root. The lovely palms and orchids are something we will never forget.

We had a dance and program every night from 9 to 11 o'clock. We (Mr. and Mrs. Davidson) won first prize for the Old Tyme Waltz - another lady won a trophy for dancing the old Charleston.

Sunday we enjoyed the day at St. Petersburg very much. We were in the Atlantic, but the Gulf of Mexico was too cold.

The people there played bingo in the evenings in a glass auditorium - all free for their guests. Four out of our busloads won prizes.

On February 12 at 9.30 a.m. we left Florida. We stopped in Georgia where a number bought candy and nuts to bring home, at a wholesale nut house. We saw one truck load of oranges piled up just like we pile potatoes.

We stopped at an orange grove and bought oranges to bring home. There was also a banana

tree there. One hamper of real large oranges was selling for 25 cents each.

We travelled through a beautiful mountain range. At London, Kentucky, we saw our first snow since leaving Canada. Through Cincinnati the highways are so thick they look like the hub of a wheel.

We stayed at Dayton for our last night in the U.S.A. We crossed at Windsor, and at Hamilton our one big family had to part. We had left as strangers, but after 2,500 miles we were friends.

Thanks to Mrs. Doris Norton, our hostess, and wonderful driver Eldon Dryburgh! I will say these tours are the best way to travel.

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RETARDED NEED MORE MEMBERS

Wanted: New members for the North Halton Association for the Mentally Retarded.

This organization needs new members, people who are willing to work at helping someone less fortunate than themselves. Those in this association do not look for praise - just hard work. They reap their reward knowing the mentally retarded benefit from whatever they have done.

The North Halton Association is just a small part in the overall retarded organization. It belongs to Region Four and local representatives are Mrs. Olive Nye, Milton and Ralph Barton, Georgetown. These representatives meet with members from Oakville, Burlington and Hamilton district. Two members from the Regional Council are elected to the board of the Ontario Association and they in turn have representatives on the board of the Canadian



During the week of Feb. 23 to Mar. 1, officers of Milton Detachment, O.P.P., patrolled 11,096 miles on area roads under their jurisdiction, and worked a total of 1,078 hours. Ninety-two charges were laid for a variety of infractions of the Highway Traffic Act, and 90 warnings were issued. Proceedings in Provincial Judge's Court resulted in 78 convictions being registered.

Twenty-six general occurrences requiring investigation were reported in this time period. Included were two thefts; one domestic complaint; one missing person, which investigation proved to be unfounded; one trespassing complaint; three Liquor Control Act investigations resulting in charges being laid against three persons; one person was arrested for another O.P.P. Detachment. Other complaints were of a minor nature requiring little time to clear.

Nine accidents were reported during the week. The most serious of these was an accident in which one person lost his life and six persons received injuries. An additional five persons were injured in three separate personal injury accidents, and the remaining five resulted in property damage only. Total property damage amounted to an estimated \$12,345. Six charges were laid as a result of investigation into these accidents.

Causes of accidents were careless driving, improper passing, failing to yield right of way, deer on road, and icy road conditions.

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COMMISSION SCOLAIRE DU COMTE DE HALTON

AVIS AUX CONTRIBUABLES FRANCOPHONES DU COMTE DE HALTON

Election des membres du comité consultatif de français pour les écoles secondaires.

Avis est par les présentes donné qu'une réunion des contribuables d'expression française de la commission scolaire du comté de Halton aura lieu le mardi, 25 mars, 1969, à l'école Martin Street Senior School, 184 Martin Street, Milton, Ontario, à 8 h. du soir.

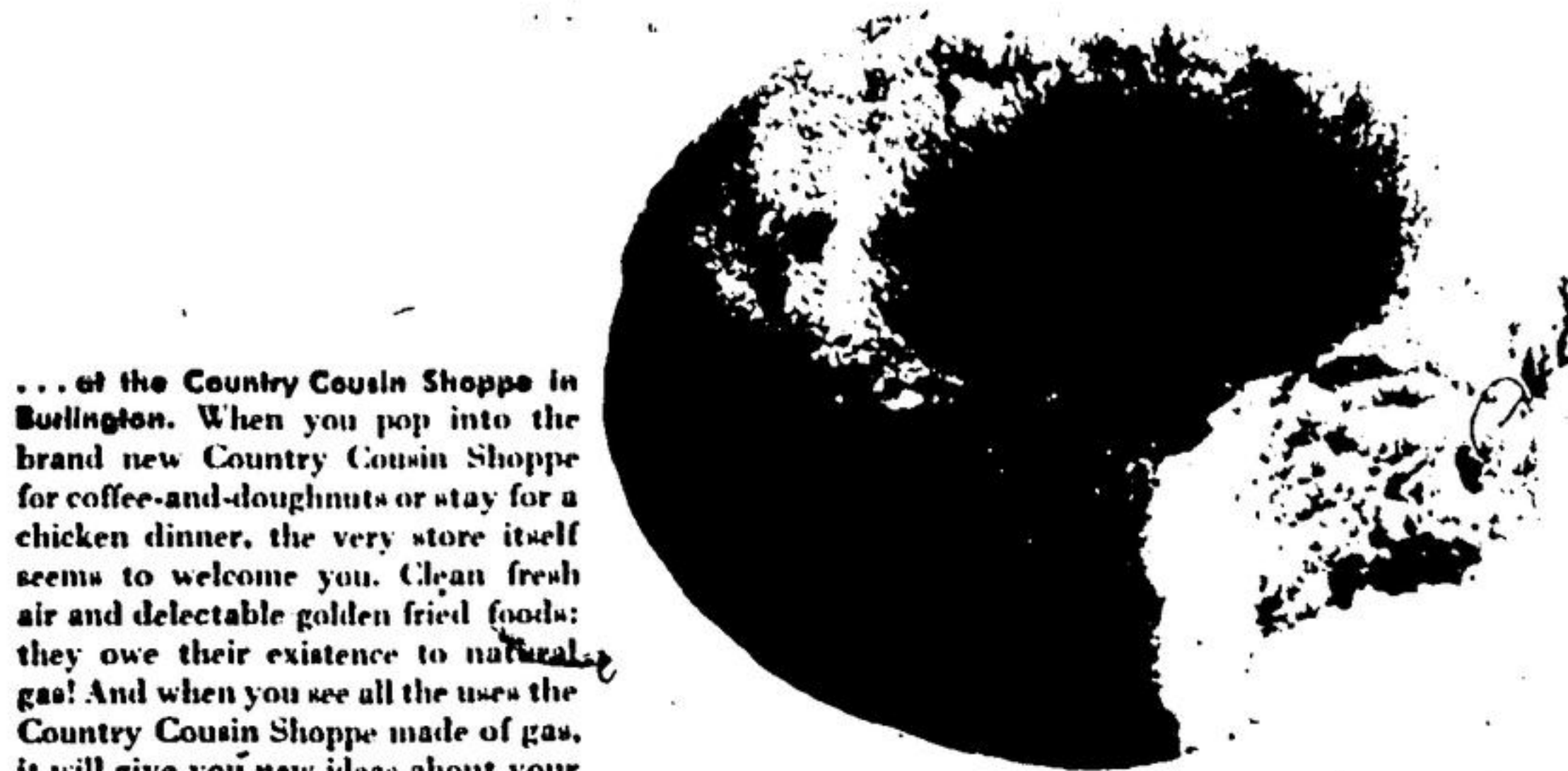
Cette assemblée est convoquée en accord avec une récente modification apportée au Secondary Schools and Boards of Education Act et sur la demande du nombre requis de contribuables francophones, selon la Section 114 du dit Act modifié.

L'assemblée a pour but l'élection de quatre contribuables francophones du comté à un comité consultatif de la commission scolaire du comté de Halton, qui comprendra aussi des membres nommés par la commission scolaire du comté de Halton.

Le comité consultatif fera des recommandations à la commission scolaire du comté de Halton en ce qui concerne les moyens de répondre aux besoins éducatifs et culturels des étudiants francophones de la région du comté.

A. J. W. SINGLETON, Directeur d'éducation. M. F. ARMITAGE, Président de la commission scolaire

Natural gas is snack-happy



... of the Country Cousin Shoppe in Burlington. When you pop into the brand new Country Cousin Shoppe for coffee-and-doughnuts or stay for a chicken dinner, the very store itself seems to welcome you. Clean fresh air and delectable golden fried foods: they owe their existence to natural gas! And when you see all the uses the Country Cousin Shoppe made of gas, it will give you new ideas about your own home.

Chat to a chef: The chefs at the Country Cousin Shoppe are so proud of their new natural gas cooking equipment, they're liable to talk your ear off! They've got gas fired fryers, special "broasters", an aristo-ray broiler—equipment that keeps them in complete control of the delicate art of frying. And natural gas at home makes the same contribution to your cooking skill.

The president of the Country Cousin Shoppe decided to use natural gas throughout. He found gas made the best sense for efficiency, economy and dependability. What about your own home? If you're not making the fullest use of natural gas, you may be missing a good bet. Find out for yourself—talk to your contractor or to United Gas.

Examine the china: All the china is spotless. One natural gas water heater, capable of supplying both 140° and 180° water, makes sure of that! Natural gas makes sure you have lots and lots of hot water in your home, too.

Sit down and keep fresh: Notice how comfortable the dining room is? That's because the natural gas air exchanger is at work, drawing out stale air and odours and bringing in clean fresh air. And of course, it's a natural gas furnace that warms the air evenly, with no stagnant pockets or chilly layers. Natural gas home heating systems give Total Comfort . . . in the Country Cousin Shoppe and in your own home.

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