

Report from Ottawa

by rud whiting

Since the Second Session of the 28th Parliament opened on October 22, my mail has been increasingly heavy. Much of it has reflected the great concern we as Canadians feel over the Nigerian-Biafran situation. My help and support have been asked in an effort to alleviate the suffering and starvation which has resulted from this tragic civil war.

Other letters have come from the National Pensioners and Senior Citizens' Federation. This group presented a brief to the government last October asking for an increase in old age security to \$150 per month and the full cost of living to be added to the old age pension.

Dealing with these letters has become for me a top priority as certainly no one in my position can be so callous as to sit idly by. Some encouragement was felt here in Ottawa last week when word was received that the federal government of Nigeria had agreed to permit daylight relief flights. Their statement now permits the Biafrans to agree also.

The Biafran leaders have rejected a land corridor on the ground that it could be exploited by the federal side for military purposes. They regard it as a Trojan horse tactic, aimed at camouflaging the real goal of overrunning Biafran territory. The second alternative of daylight flights into existing airstrips has also been rejected; daylight flights have been agreed to only on the condition that relief organizations build a new airstrip in a location which would block the Nigerian offensive.

This, of course, was unacceptable to the Nigerians who regard it as an obvious attempt to reinforce Biafran strength. At the heart of both Biafran objections is the plausible fear that relief arrangements might be turned into military advantage by the Nigerians but this is now ended.

Closer to home, Canadians everywhere have grown to appreciate the great contribution made to Canada by its senior citizens and are very sympathetic to the plight facing some of our senior citizens at the present time. Many Canadians realize how difficult it is for those who have to live solely on their old age pension and supplement.

The government is now undertaking an exhaustive review of all social legislation and in particular the old age pension benefits. From what I can gather, the words of our much-respected senior citizens did not fall on deaf ears when they made their presentation to the government.

Four wardens held post twice

A story in last week's paper about Warden George Currie being the only man to hold the County Council's top seat twice was in error.

A reader called to inform the news staff that W. H. Morden of Oakville also held the post twice, in 1920 and again in 1930. A check of county records indicate there were more—Robert Miller was warden in 1855, 1857 and 1864; Dr. C. A. Martin of Milton held the post for part of 1962 and all of 1963 after an incumbent died in office; and James Young appears to be the first "repeater" having held the job in 1853 and again in 1856.

Ask vote on Halton or Halton-Peel

Acton councillor Jack Greer served notice at the last meeting of council that he would be sponsoring a motion in January asking for a plebiscite on the Peel-Halton or Halton alone type of regional government.

Mr. Greer's notice of motion followed a discussion about the vote in Burlington where residents voted against joining the proposed metro Hamilton in favor of Peel-Halton, a measure Reeve Frank Oakes declared was yielding one point in favor of Halton-Peel union in order to stay with Halton.

The revee said there was no other alternative. "To win something they had to yield something."

He signified the voters of Burlington would rather have had the question asked just to join Halton not a Peel-Halton coalition.

Councillor Bill Coats said the overwhelming Burlington vote has made our local M.P. aware not all are happy about regional government plans.

Commend Warden at final meet

A resolution commending Warden George Currie for his devoted service to the County was approved by Halton County Council Tuesday at the final meeting of the 1969 year.

The Warden expressed his thanks to members and staff for assistance.

Retiring members Deputy-Reeve W. Reeve of Burlington and Reeve A. Ledwith of Milton also spoke appreciatively of co-operation received and the opportunity for service.

Deputy-Reeve G. Agnew presented the Warden with a photo album containing pictures from the recent Warden's Dinner.

BOWL for Pleasure

for the fun of it... BOWL for Health.

THE ENTIRE FAMILY CAN BOWL TOGETHER

It's the "IN" Thing to do.

GO BOWLING

ACTON BOWLING LANES

10 MAIN ST. N. MEMBER B.P.A.C. 853-0170

NOTICE

A ban will be placed on the use of D.D.T. after January 1, 1970, except on a permit basis in tobacco and apple production.

Persons with D.D.T. in their possession must not discard it with regular garbage, and under no circumstances should D.D.T. be poured down drains or flushed down toilets.

A disposal program has been arranged by the Municipality of Acton in co-operation with the Halton County Health Unit and the Ontario Department of Health.

Citizens of Acton who wish to dispose of D.D.T. may take it to the Town Office at 40 Mill St. East during the hours of 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Thursday, December 18th and Friday, December 19th, 1969.

J. T. HURST,
Clerk Administrator



MRS. ELEANOR DONALDSON of Main Street south, celebrated her 84th birthday last Wednesday. —(Staff Photo)

Elect Norm Braida chairman Canadian Shoe, Leather Fair

Chairman of the 18th annual Canadian Shoe and Leather Fair to be held at Place Bonaventure, Montreal, next September will be the president of Beardmore and Co., Norman J. Braida of Acton.

The 1969 Fair drew the largest crowds ever in terms of registration and exhibitors. Mr. Braida said increased shoe buyers' attendance from the United States was a most encouraging feature.

One hundred and sixty-eight American shoe buyers attended including the federal government's trade mission of

GIFT FOR MOTHER
Mom may need a floor waxer—but Christmas is not the time to give it to her! No matter how practical the may be, Mom would much prefer to receive something frivolous—something she wouldn't ordinarily buy for herself. It need not be expensive like mink or diamonds, even though they're always nice. A tiny vial of utterly extravagant perfume is a likely winner. So is a be-ribboned or be-filled housecoat—and maybe oodles and oodles of delicious smelling bubble bath.

O.P.P. report

Shoplifting is theft an indictable offense

During the O.P.P. reporting week of December 7 to December 13 the men at the Acton Detachment while working 207 hours patrolled 415 miles.

There were 28 convictions in Provincial Court in Milton which realized fines of \$778.

A break and enter of a residence was reported, and two juveniles will appear in Juvenile Court in regards to this offence. The two boys were also involved in shoplifting in the town and stolen property has been recovered from the two boys.

Two property damage accidents were reported to the police office the total damage being \$1,300. The two erring drivers in the accidents have

Authority objects to Terra Cotta improvements

In the spring of 1969, Peel County Council proposed that the County Road into Terra Cotta be improved by straightening and widening to promote safety in the area. At that time the Credit Valley Conservation Authority voiced its objections to the road "improvement" to the county.

Now the project has been, at least temporarily, stopped. "The feeling of the Authority has not changed," Chairman R. K. McMillan said this week. "It is hoped that before any future action is taken the Credit Valley Conservation Authority will be notified."

been charged under the Highway Traffic Act.

Motorists, here's a reminder about the laws governing the use of studded tires in Ontario. Studded tires are permitted on motor vehicles from October 1 to April 30 but it is illegal to put studded tires on the front wheels only. The use of studded tires on the rear wheels or on all four wheels improves braking action, when the temperature is near the freezing mark. But remember, safe driving, regardless of tires, is up to the driver.

Because of the growing problem of shop-lifting in Acton the stores are getting tough with shoplifters and are taking measures to catch them. Stores are no longer letting shoplifters off with a warning. They are turning them over to the courts. You can be arrested if you steal any property from a store, no matter how little it costs. Punishment for a first offence can be as much as two years in jail. Shoplifting is theft and theft is an indictable offence and a punishable as such.

XMAS GIFTS for the home

- POLE LAMPS
- RECLINER CHAIRS
- HASSOCKS
- END TABLES
- BRASS MAGAZINE RACKS
- RECORD HOLDERS
- PLANT HOLDERS

HINTON'S

Free Press Local News Items

FIREFIGHTERS and Beardmore's have Christmas parties this weekend.

SEVERAL CASES of chicken pox are keeping children in their beds.

C.G.I.T. GIRLS went carolling Monday evening and presented small gifts they had made themselves to shut-ins.

PLEASE LET us know of holiday visitors. We hope to have a long "Personals" column at Christmas time.

THE SIDEWALKS are very slippery, and treacherous for older people.

FORMER FREE Press staff member George Ware, now with the Erin Advocate, has started writing a sports column for that paper.

AMONG THE usual comments heard each week after the paper was out were two contradictory ones, last week. One lady remarked on all the gloomy news, while another man said the paper is generally too cheerful by far!

Christmas Shopping Headquarters

Gift Sets for Men or Women
PERFUMES, COLOGNES, SETS
BY
CHANEL, ARPEGE, TABOO, AMBUSH

COLOGNES AFTER SHAVE
LOTION SETS
BY
YARDLEY, BRUT, OLD SPICE, HAI KARATE

Christmas Wrap, Cards
Ribbons, Bows, Etc.

ACTON PHARMACY

Wishes One and All A Merry Christmas

Lamb Legs CHARGE IMPARTED (WHOLE OR HALF) LB. 59c	Tomato Juice LIBBY'S FANCY 14 OZ. TIN 29c	Chocolates LADY BETH ASSORTED 1/2 LB. 95c 1/4 LB. 1.79	Party Crackers 39c
Cheese MEDIUM 1 1/2 LB. WEDGE 59c	Fruit Cocktail IGA CHOICE 7 1/2 OZ. TIN 39c	Peas FRASERVILLE FANCY 2 LB. BAG 39c	Dad's Cookies 49c
Corn or Peas CREAM STYLE HONEY POD STOKELY FANCY 4 1/2 OZ. TINS 89c	Pickles BICK'S WHOLE BILLS OR CAROL OR POLSKY (CORNED BILLS) 1/2 OZ. OR SWEET BILLS 1/2 OZ. 45c	Oranges DELICIOUS APPLES 59c	Arjou Peas 59c
IGA Coffee 1/2 LB. 79c 1.56 1/4 LB. 71c 1.39	TURKEY LB. 36c	Delicious Apples 59c	Arjou Peas 59c
IGA Juices ORANGES 2 1/2 OZ. 49c	SKINLESS SHORT SHANK 79c	Arjou Peas 59c	Arjou Peas 59c
Cheese MARGARINE 3 1/2 LB. 49c	SMOKED HAMS 79c	Arjou Peas 59c	Arjou Peas 59c
Cheese IGA PURE SHORTENING 2 1/2 LB. 49c	CENTRE CUT HAM STEAKS 89c	Arjou Peas 59c	Arjou Peas 59c
Cheese VANILLA WHIP TOPPING 1/2 OZ. 39c		Arjou Peas 59c	Arjou Peas 59c
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YOUNG CANADA GRADE A EVISCERATED FROZEN CRYOVAC (OVER 20 LBS.)

TURKEY 36c LB.

SKINLESS SHORT SHANK 79c

SMOKED HAMS 79c

CENTRE CUT HAM STEAKS 89c

FOOD PRICES AND DAIRY TAPE TIES EFFECTIVE DECEMBER 17th, 18th, 19th and 20th

HOLIDAY STORE HOURS
OPEN MON. & TUES. DEC. 22 & 23 UNTIL 9 P.M.
WED. DEC. 24th UNTIL 6 P.M.
CLOSED
CHRISTMAS DAY & BOXING DAY DEC. 25th & 26th
OPEN SAT. DEC. 27th UNTIL 6 P.M.

EXTRA \$10 TAPE WITH
1000 HANDMADE HOUSE
INSTANT COFFEE
6 OZ. JAR

EXTRA \$10 TAPE WITH
1000 HANDMADE HOUSE
WIZARD
6 OZ. BOTTLE

EXTRA \$10 TAPE WITH
1000 HANDMADE HOUSE
REYNOLDS WRAP
17" WIDTH ROLL

EXTRA \$7 TAPE WITH
1000 HANDMADE HOUSE
BRAND NAME
17" WIDTH ROLL

EXTRA \$4 TAPE WITH
1000 HANDMADE HOUSE
SERVETTES
MAY COME - 700 OF 40

EXTRA \$4 TAPE WITH
1000 HANDMADE HOUSE
REYNOLDS WRAP
17" WIDTH ROLL

EXTRA \$2 TAPE WITH
1000 HANDMADE HOUSE
CRANBERRIES
PRODUCE OF U.S.A. 1 LB.

EXTRA \$2 TAPE WITH
1000 HANDMADE HOUSE
P.E. POTATOES
10 LB. BAG

IGA EXCLUSIVE YOUNG

"TABLETTE TURKEYS"

SPECIALTY TURKEYS AVAILABLE FOR HOLIDAY