

OUR READERS WRITE:

Separatism will destroy French culture

Dear Sir:
If Rene Levesque, the Parti Quebecois and separatists succeed, it may mean the end of French culture in North America. English Canada should co-operate if Quebec leaves. In every national crisis since 1867, the Red River rebellion 1870, the Northwest rebellion 1885, World War I, the depression when constitutional problems disrupted effective action, and World War II, the presence of Quebec in Confederation was a source of weakness, not strength. If Quebec separates, Canada should say "bon voyage" and there should be no army of occupation east of the Ottawa.

Anglophone Canada already becoming daily more Americanized, will then inevitably join the U.S.A. Quebec will be a French island of 6,000,000 in an Anglo Saxon sea of 220,000,000. State supported French T.V., radio, literature and hopes of bilingualism outside Quebec, together with the Francophone communities beyond the province, will probably shortly die.

Quebec as one-third of a nation of 20,000,000 has a veto over Ottawa which can not effectively act against the wishes of an overwhelming majority in Quebec (viz. conscription in two world wars). With separatism, this leverage will end. The isolated French island of Quebec, subject

to overwhelming English T.V., radio, commerce and press will soon wither and die.

One of the motives for Irish independence in 1917 was the preservation of Gaelic culture. The Irish government has made strong efforts, but today Gaelic is a dying tongue, used mainly by few thousand in the extreme west of Ireland. From across the Irish sea, English T.V., radio, press and business are submerging Gaelic culture. In one St. Patrick's Day parade in Dublin, a sign was carried "If you are Irish, speak Irish". It was written in English so people could understand it.

I hope Quebec stays in Canada and preserves French culture, but this is not our fight. We, the Anglophone majority, will have our future decided by Quebec as to whether we stay in Confederation or join the U.S.A. We can only be interested observers.

The present threat of separatism has already cost Quebec a serious flight of capital, unemployment, and economic loss. Actual separation will cost Quebec even more in dollars, but by separating, Rene Levesque and company will probably soon destroy the French culture they claim to defend.

Yours truly,
J. Medcof.



GREETING VISITORS to the newly renovated offices of the firm at Mill and Main Sts. Saturday were the staff of G. Alec Johnson Real Estate. Seated is Mr. Johnson while left to right, standing are Gail Dobbie, Ian Johnson, Stuart Johnson and Ruth Hodge. Many visited to extend congratulations on the new premises.—(Staff Photo)

Supporters not liable for damages

R.R. I, Limehouse,
April 20, 1970.

Dear Editor,
Re: drag strip
This is a note to clear up some bad rumors re donations by people to help us stop the drag strip.

Anyone who financially supports the effort is in no way liable for any damages. A trial date has been set for May 1970 and all financial support received will lighten the burden on this matter.

Yours truly,
Peter R. Bowman.

Chamber asks council to reconsider

ACTON CHAMBER OF COMMERCE
Box 415, Acton, Ontario

April 20, 1970

The Town Council,
Acton, Ontario.

Gentlemen,
Our president, Mr. John Shadbolt, was fortunate to be able to attend the recently held meeting of the Acton Parks and Recreation Commission at which the consulting engineer reported on the estimated repairs to the arena.
On the evidence presented by the engineer the executive of the Acton Chamber of Commerce urges you to forthwith proceed with all the necessary repairs according to the recommendations made.
We cannot sufficiently stress the importance of proper safety precautions and standards in a structure of this nature.

Any deviation from acceptable standards is, in our opinion, extremely dangerous. If ever an accident should occur due to improper safety conditions it is quite well possible that many people in particular children, could be involved.
In view of the engineers opinion that, if piecemeal repairs were made, the costs would be much higher, we suggest that Council consider spending \$27,000, instead of the \$13,000, budgeted for these repairs.
It was also suggested that if the outside walls must be dismantled in order to effect proper repairs, consideration be given to expanding spectator facilities.
Again we appeal for your immediate attention to this, most necessary matter.

Yours very truly,
M. C. DeJong,
Secretary.

Bring your own harpoon

Intriguing sports for Northern Games

The Northern Games, to be held in Inuvik, North-West Territories this July, hold special interest for Actonians since the secretary of the Northern Games Association is the Rev. Douglas Dittrich, son of Mrs. Laura Dittrich and the late Mr. Dittrich of Acton.
He was also closely associated with the first Arctic winter games in Yellowknife in March, which drew attention all across the country.
Mr. and Mrs. Dittrich, their two daughters and little son are spending their third year at

Inuvik, and before that the Dittriches were at Frobisher for five years. He is rector of the Church of the Ascension in the Diocese of Athabasca.
Over 700 athletes and officials took part in the Arctic winter games in March and even Prime Minister Trudeau attended, as well as the Minister of National Health and Welfare, John Munro.

The games were the first attempt to unite the total North American arctic community in a single event.

As well as drum dancing there were harpoon and seal hook throwing, demonstrations and games of strength such as finger pulling and ear weights. The Eskimo women demonstrated muskrat skinning.
The Northern Games at Inuvik this summer co-incide with the centennial of the North-West territories. Between 200 and 250 contestants are expected to take part in every conceivable kind of northern game with such intriguing names as pole, harpoon throwing, blanket toss, snow shoe races, ear pulling contest, leg wrestling and seal skinning contests.
Literature being sent out by the Northern Games Association, through Mr. Dittrich, points out that entrants for the harpoon throwing must bring their own harpoons.

Children must play in safe locations

During our reporting week, April 12 to April 19, the men at the Acton Detachment while working 253 hours patrolled 860 miles of town roads.

A total of ten general occurrences were investigated, of which seven involved the use of alcohol. Two of the charges were for driving while impaired and the other seven were mostly minors charged with drinking under age.

Two persons were reported missing and were located, and a motor vehicle was stolen. The vehicle was recovered the next day by the police and it was found to be in good condition when recovered.

Five motorists were issued traffic tickets, and four were warned for various infractions of the Highway Traffic Act.

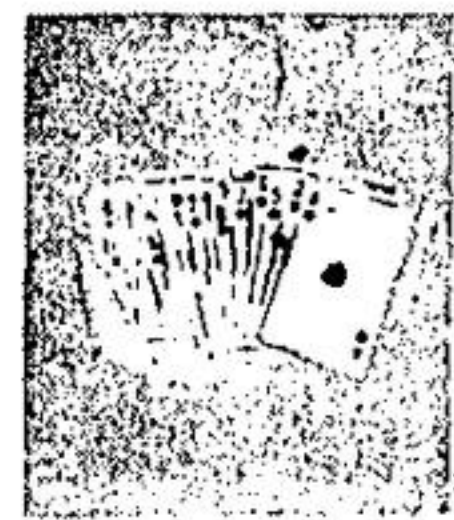
\$450. This was the only accident reported in the town for the past two weeks.

Provincial Court in Milton saw three people convicted of various charges and the fines and costs totalled \$145.

Attention, Parents! Where do your children play? Last year in Ontario, 21 children were killed while playing on the roadway and another 462 were injured. You can help protect your youngsters by making sure they always play in a safe place.

With any luck summer will be soon with us, and the children will be out playing in all their glory. So don't let a nasty accident spoil the summer. Make sure they are playing in a safe place.

Some folks say the only way to stop the noise in the car is to let her drive.



Let's Play Bridge

by bill coats

Here is a hand that gave several players difficulty last week. West dealt with both sides vulnerable.

NORTH
S-J 104
H-A K J 9 5
D-A 7
C-Q 9 8

WEST
S-Q 9 3
H-10 8 6 4 2
D-K Q 6 4
C-K

EAST
S-K 8 6 5 2
H-Q
D-19 8 5 3
C-10 6

SOUTH
S-A 7
H-7 3
C-10 2
C-A 17 5 4 3 2

The bidding:

WEST	NORTH	EAST	SOUTH
Pass	1 N.T.	Pass	3 C
Pass	3 H	Pass	4 C
Pass	5 C	All Pass	

Only one pair played this as a part score contract. They got all the way to two hearts which they just made. One pair went all the way to slam. Looking at all the cards you can see that 13 tricks are there but would you see it at a card table? The opponents do not go around showing you their cards.
I was sitting North and I chose to open north's cards with a one no trump bid. There are only 15 high card points but the five card suit is worth an extra point. Fortunately my partner steered clear of a no trump contract. After showing clubs and hearts the club contract was the final choice.
West made a good lead with the six of hearts. The card is very deceptive. It could be a short suit lead as well as a lead from a five card suit.
Declarer played the heart king and was surprised when East contributed the queen. He led the club queen and finessed losing to West's stiff queen.
West led back the heart deuce. What should declarer do? What would you do if you could only have seen the North-South cards? East could easily hold the queen - ten of hearts for his original play.
However it doesn't matter what East holds. You should play the heart nine. If East has the ten he is

welcome to it for now you have two good hearts in dummy upon which you can discard your loser. If East ruffs, as is the case, you still have two good hearts for discards.
The only way you could go wrong is to play a high heart. When East ruff you are one trick short of your contract.
Last week's winners at the Acton Bridge Club were: first, Betty Ashley and Gloria Coats; second, Ivan Harris and Kath Coats; third Harry Arble and Jack Coats.



BE CAREFUL with those outdoor fires!

M.P. RUD Whiting's father was picked as Oakville's Citizen of the Year.

ALL THE men at the Acton detachment of the O.P.P. are taking riot training in Burlington.

THE NUMBER of liquor seizures is up this week, according to police.

THE ANGELUS is ringing again at St. Joseph's church. It had been out of order for a couple of weeks.

HOT DOG day is being planned by Robert Little grade 8 students, raising money for their trip to Ottawa.

ROCKWOOD merchants have decided to close Mondays, as Acton does, instead of the usual Thursday afternoons.

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Firefighters to stage fireworks display July 1

Acton Firefighters are making plans for a huge fireworks display, to be held in the park on Dominion Day.

Firefighter Herb Dodds appeared at Thursday night's regular meeting of Acton Board of Parks Management and Recreation Committee to request permission for the use of the park the night of July 1 or whatever date is designated as the holiday.

Mr. Dodds said firefighters would spend \$500 on the event, but were undertaking it as a town project and were not primarily interested in making money on it.

The board granted firefighters permission to use the park for one night and also to charge admission.

Chairman Peter Marks praised the idea.
"This is a darn good move",

he commented, "A lot of people travel out of town to see this."

Plan another marathon walk

Students at Acton high school are planning another marathon walk to aid the cancer fund in this district and they are asking for sponsors, refreshments and cars to assist them.

Route of this year's Walk for Cancer is from Primrose, above Orangeville, to Acton, following 24 Highway, a distance of approximately 40 miles. Date is Saturday, May 2.

Those willing to assist may phone Ann Cavlovic at 853-1795 or Usula Fielder at 877-3771.

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