

Free Press briefs

CHURCH ANNUAL meetings are coming up.

SPRING AND summer catalogues out already!

THE TEMPERATURE dropped to 14 below early Saturday morning.

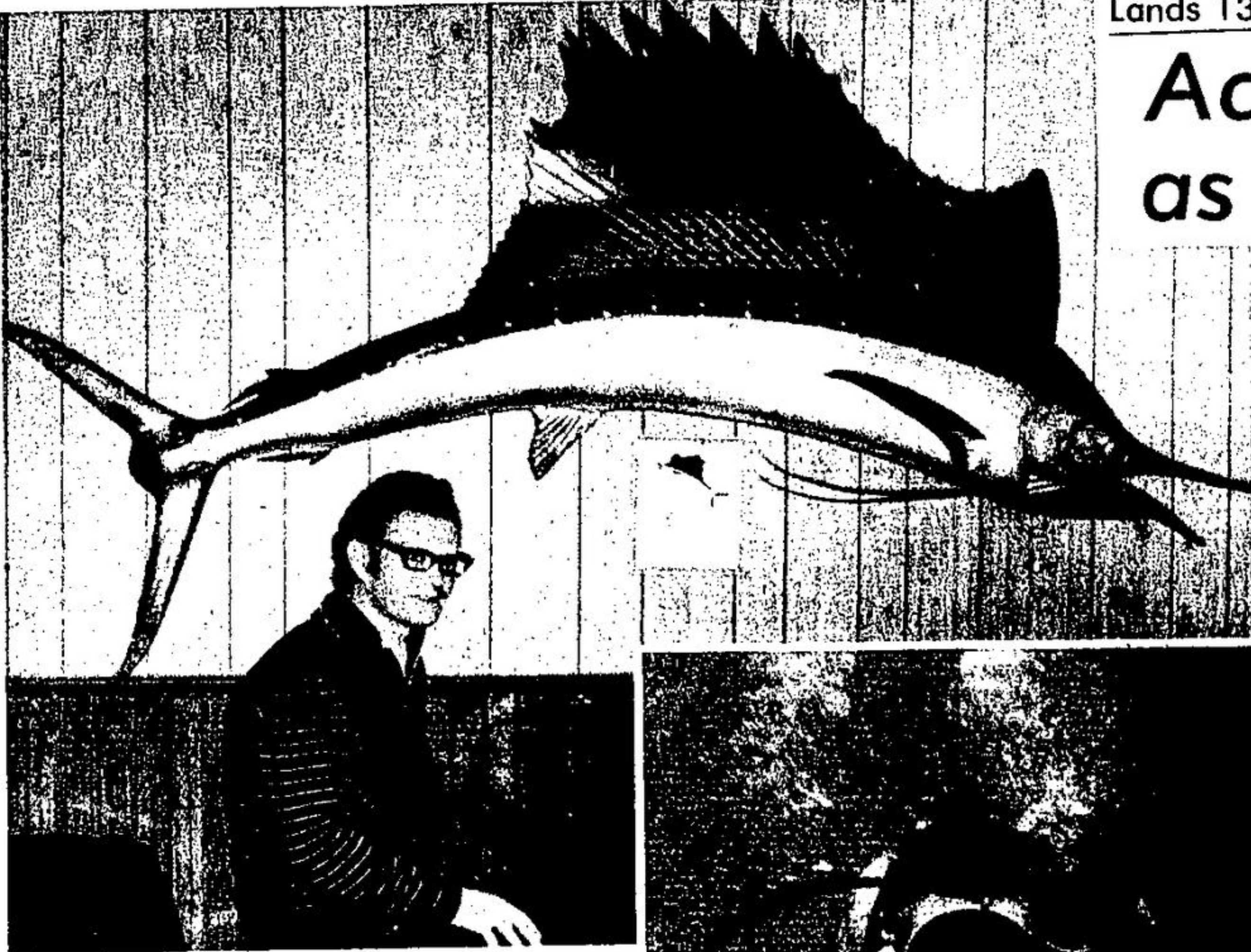
TOWN WORKMEN are clearing away snow banks this week.

ROADS IN the country are very slippery. Snowfalls have just dusted over the solid glare of ice.

MURRAY SCOYNE'S purchase of the Ridgetown Dominion was mentioned on the radio program Neighbourly News last Sunday.

MILTON IS planning a winter carnival this year, too. The high school leads the way here, with carnival week from February 15 to 20.

THE ONLY empty store in the business section now is the former Rendezvous beauty salon. Owner Bernice Drew is now working with Mrs. Nielsen at Rainbow Beauty salon. A boutique and soon-to-open delicatessen filled the other vacancies.



A FISHERMAN'S DREAM came true for Acton clothier Paul Nielsen, when he hauled in this beautiful 138 pound sailfish during a fishing expedition off the coast of Mexico, last February. Paul has the nine foot nine inch sailfish mounted in the office of his Mill Street clothing store. —(Staff Photo)

Lands 138 lb. sailfish

Acton clothier success as deep sea fisherman

By Denis Gibbons

Ever wish you were somewhere in the South Pacific basking under a tropical sun, as you haul in a large fish from the depths of the ocean? Acton clothier Paul Nielsen did too—until last February, when he made the dream a reality during a holiday in Mexico.

An 138-pound sailfish, nine feet nine inches in length, is mounted in the office of Paul's Mill Street clothing store as a memento of the two week holiday he and his wife Ella spent with Mr. and Mrs. Gino Civerio in Mexico last February.

45 minute struggle Paul hauled in the beautiful silver and blue creature after a struggle that lasted 45 minutes. He was using a 45 pound test line.

"The fish put up such a battle, we had to reverse the engines of the boat to subdue it," Paul recalls.

Gino was also successful in landing one of the graceful creatures, an eight foot seven inch beauty, while he and Paul

were on the fishing boat "Cindy" in the Pacific Ocean, about 20 miles out from Acapulco.

Sailfish, also known as basking sharks, can be distinguished by their large dorsal fin, which resembles a sail. Besides the Pacific Ocean, they are also found in the Caribbean.

Credits captain

Landing a sailfish is not an every day occurrence for visitors to Mexico. Some ardent anglers have spent years and thousands of dollars trying to accomplish what Paul and Gino did in one day.

Paul modestly credits a great deal of his overnight success as a deep sea fisherman to Tony Leon, captain of the "Cindy", a man he would recommend to anyone planning a fishing expedition.

Sailfish are extremely graceful. Paul remembers how they continually leapt right out of the water and literally flew through the air, quite close to the boat.

"It was almost as though they were teasing you," he says.

Must mount

Fishing expedition regulations allow the captor to keep the fish only if he intends to have it mounted. Paul had the fish shipped back to Acton. Eventually, he intends to move it into the recreation room of his home. Landing the fish also earned Paul a certificate from Taxidermia De Peces.

Although catching the fish was a thrill, Paul's introduction to scuba diving gave him his biggest thrill.

"Scuba diving opens up a whole new world of colors underwater," Paul explains. It can be a very dangerous sport for those uninformed, first experience so fascinated him that he has since enrolled in a course in Guelph.

Other highlights of their visit included watching a bullfight and stops in Mexico City and Monterey and viewing the skilled skilled high divers in Acapulco.

The Nielsens and Civerios drove to Mexico. They returned from Waco Texas to Acton in one stretch.



HIS CUSTOMERS probably wouldn't recognize him, but that's Paul Nielsen scuba diving in the Pacific Ocean.

Suggest cut work week boost pay 8 per cent

An eight per cent increase in the pay cheque and a two and a half hour cut in pay is what may be in line for Halton County Roads Department.

The county roads committee supported engineer Jo Corbett's recommendation at a meeting Friday. The recommendation will go to the personnel committee and on to county council if the second committee ratifies it.

The increase would represent raises from 24 cents to 27 cents an hour depending on the

classification and would bring a laborer's rate to \$3.16 an hour and a shop mechanic, the highest on the pay scale to \$3.64 an hour.

Only hourly paid

Mr. Corbett told the council the roads department are the county's only hourly paid workers. He said to cut to a 42 and a half hour work week would mean two more full time men. To hold them at 45 hours and offer less than eight per cent raises would be like inviting an application for union certification. The road

department is the only department not enjoying an annual increment. There are 24 men in that department.

At one time the department worked a 48 hour week but this was phased down in 1969. In 1970 the committee decided against further phasing of the work week.

Esquising Reeve Tom Hill supported both the raise and the cut in the work week. He noted if there was going to be more men hired this was a good time for it with the high unemployment figures.

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Second Section

Blake, Gillies join Butler, Snow Halton East election campaign

Two new candidates this week joined the race to claim the Halton East seat in the provincial legislature — one a New Democratic Party candidate and the other a challenger to the only previously announced Liberal man in the race.

A provincial election is expected this year. David Butler, Oakville, announced last August he would seek the Liberal party nomination in Halton East riding. This week a young Oakville business executive, P. R. "Bob" Blake announced his intention to seek the same nomination.

First for NDP

And William J. Gillies of Oakville, a former deputy reeve of Oakville and a former NDP candidate in the riding, has joined the race by announcing he will again seek the NDP nomination.

Sitting member is Progressive Conservative MPP Jim Snow of Hornby. Snow was elected to the legislature in 1967 and is expected to once again carry his party's banner into the election, expected some time later this year. Snow has been a popular MPP, has had a building code suggestion of his adopted, and has been named as Ontario Housing Corporation.

Meet Feb. 23

Gillies announced he would seek the NDP nomination last week. The party's nominating convention will be held Feb. 23 in the Pine Room of Oakville Arena.

The date of March 2 has been established for the Halton East Liberal party's nominating convention and there are rumors a third candidate, possibly a man from North Halton, may join Blake and Butler in seeking the party's nod. Ernest Zechman of Oakville, who will chair the nominating convention, said this week a suitable site is being studied and indicated it would either be in Milton or Oakville. About two-thirds of the party's voting members come from Oakville.

Quits executive

Butler this week announced he is resigning from the executive board of the Halton Federal and Halton East Liberal Association, "because I feel it is the right thing to do. I don't want anyone to be discouraged from running because they think I have an inside track by being on the executive, or because they assume the executive will automatically support me."

First to announce his candidacy, Butler also said there could be as many as three contesting the nomination. "There is a lot of interest among Liberals in the riding and there is a real confidence we can win the next election."

Butler is basing his campaign on his past leadership and experience and on the policies for which he stands. President of Halton Liberals in 1968, he headed a special committee on housing which submitted a 32-page brief to the Hellyer Task Force on Housing. He also led a drive among Halton taxpayers to hold down education spending and seek increased education grants from the Ontario government, and spoke out on



BOB BLAKE



WILLIAM GILLIES



DAVID BUTLER

several issues including the government's handling of the new medicare administration.

On LPO executive

He worked on Halton MP Rud Whiting's successful election campaign, chiefly in the speech writing and policy advising field, and also helped Whiting set up a special riding committee of experts to examine the Estate Tax act. He was also on the executive committee of the Liberal Party of Ontario and was LPO's communications committee chairman.

Bob Blake has been active in community affairs in Halton and has worked with retarded

children, Red Cross, United Appeal and the Children's Aid Society. He helped with the federal election campaigns of Dr. Harry Harley and later Rud Whiting. After several years with Ford Motor Company he joined Canada Brick Co. in Streetsville where he is vice-president of manufacturing.

Involvement

He is married and lives in Oakville with his wife and three children. He believes in the politics of involvement, with the politician acting as a catalyst on public opinion.

"Now more than ever, we must take a deep look at problems, without resorting to the politics of extremes. I believe that in the '70's we can bring about a conciliation of points of view through participatory democracy. It is entirely wrong to present the electorate with a cut and dried alternative between what the Conservatives refer to as free enterprise and so-called socialism. Our task is to reconcile the multiplicity of interests and wills which exist within a free society and to maintain public interest in political issues," said Blake.

Obituary

Cafe owner Bill Wong, 87

Owner of the Royal Cafe, Bill Wong died at home Dec. 28. He was 87 years of age. Rev. A. H. McKenzie conducted funeral service at the Rumley-Shoemaker funeral home and interment was in Mount Pleasant cemetery, Toronto.

Palbearers were Corp. Ray Mason, Mick Holmes and John Mason.

Mr. Wong was born in China and came to Acton to operate the restaurant about 20 years ago. His wife predeceased him but two sons, Jong and Kong, carry on the business. He had eight grandchildren.

Mr. Wong made many friends during his years in business here.

Euchre winners

Winners at the L.O.L. euchre at Crewsons Corners last Saturday are:

Ladies' high Millie Rowles 118; Ladies' low Jeanne Kidd 79; men's high Charlie Thompson 126; men's low James Jeseman 77.

Lone hands Dave Swackhammer 7, door prize Dave Hargrave.


CAN RE-FREEZE

Drivers, watch out for the re-freeze. The Ontario Safety League points out that winter sunshine can melt snow and ice, giving cars reasonably good traction on the wet pavement. But when the sun sets, so also does the ice. Some stretches of road, particularly bridges and underpasses, can become like skating rinks. Slow down at sundown—especially after a daytime thaw.

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Seek \$21,000 grant

Push conservation education

A delegation from Halton Region Conservation Authority approached Halton County Board of Education for a grant of \$21,000 to assist in paying for outdoor education, at the board meeting Thursday.

A brief presented by authority chairman Barry Humphreys scolded the board of Education for asking the service be provided and failing to provide the funds.

H.R.C.A. helped

Last spring when the supply of money for transporting students was drying up, H.R.C.A. granted \$500 and this made it possible for 4,500 students to visit the maple syrup demonstration at Crawford Lake in a course of three or four weeks.

During the fall of 1969 when there was no money charged for visits to conservation areas 2,000 students attended, but when there was a charge during a comparative period in 1970 only 350 people from the Halton schools made the trip.

The brief indicates the teachers are eager to send the children to the conservation areas until they learn there is a cost involved.

Rap board

The brief criticized the board for not providing the funds needed. "This in our standpoint is wrong. We believe that in the matter of conservation education neither teacher nor principal nor

pupils should be concerned about raising the money to foot the bill."

The authority estimates it will cost \$37,100 to provide a program for 10,000 children and asks the board of education to cover \$21,000 of the total. H.R.C.A. is prepared to pay \$16,100.

Need education

Chairman Humphreys, Vice-Chairman Allan Wright and education committee chairman C. Sweetman all spoke briefly, pointing out the need for conservation education and the need for an awareness of the inter-relationship of living organisms and the physical atmosphere. Chairman Humphreys noted pollution is a key problem in the world today and added a knowledge of conservation is fundamental in combating pollution.

Dr. Lily Usik, Conservation Education Co-ordinator for H.R.C.A. spoke about the programs and philosophies of the authority and showed slides of Kelso, Mountsberg and Crawford Lake conservation education centres.

Didn't pay

Two Acton youths, who failed to pay for their meals in the Royal Cafe, were charged with fraud by Acton O.P.P.

Mrs. Speight paid her subscription

Mrs. S. Speight paid her subscription to the Free Press and Georgetown deputy-reeve Art Speight can prove it. He has given to the Free Press this week an old receipt which shows the transaction.

On November 27, 1880, H. P. Moore signed the receipt which showed \$1.50 paid for two years subscription.

There are no more Speights in Acton, although at one time C. C.

Speight had a store here. The Georgetown Speights are related.

Among our souvenirs The receipt of the receipt is appreciated; it goes in the collection of souvenirs here at the Free Press.

And by the way, if you are housecleaning, please don't throw away anything of historic interest.

Acton's history isn't long, but it's full of blanks.