### Mini-Comment

Size of the crowds and success of the Georgetown Raiders this year indicates that intermediate hockey is still very much a marketable commodity when competition is keen and the quality of the game high. The Raiders are presently engaged in hunt for the Intermediate A title against the well known Durham Huskies. Both teams rely heavily on imports for their lineups.

Rumors are strong that the longtalked about regional government will hit this area much quicker than generally thought, but tracing sources of rumors usually reveals they are founded on other rumors. We'll believe it when we see it happen. Or when the Minister responsible lets the cat out of the bag. Latest speculation is that a Halton-only form of regional i government will be announced this summer with the first elections in October. And quite likely this year's Spring election will be held in the Fall.

Headlines said that Limehouse villagers won the by-pass battle but really the entire exercise was one of participatory democracy with the road committee of county council. County 13. council gave the villagers every opportunity to express their feelings on the proposals submitted by the design engineers. When they rejected all the proposals as unsuitable for the village and area, the road committee went along with them. According to petitioners people along the Fourth Line would be more inclined to accept the presence of gravel trucks if the road was widened and improved. The roads committee has instructed the engineers to study that proposal. Obviously the trucks must have some access to the highways so there may be more fun before the residents of Esquesing and the quarry owners come to a solution acceptable to both.

It has been many years since we have seen rivers and creeks in the area carrying so much water in the Spring. Winter never relaxed its grip until last week and then the thaw set in, unleashing torrents of water from fields and forest. This may go down as the year when snowmobiles were still operating April 9.



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## Coles



Have you ever had an electrographic personality analysis?

Neither had I until a few weeks ago when a friend and I played hooky from the usual daytime chores and spent most of the time at the Sportsmen's Show in Toronto.

There, while engrossed in the hundreds of trailers, autos, camping equipment, sports outfits and the attractive ladies who sell the various products, we stumbled on this Anavac machine which promised by the simple matter of writing your name on a cellophane window, to analyze us.

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According to the blurb on the card, most people find their analyses to be surprisingly accurate but the various complex factors involved are not considered provable. Therefore, scientifically accurate results cannot be guaranteed. The card explains the analysis is for fun and entertainment only.

The Anavac people should not be so modest. Although quite likely the law, not the inventors, tagged that fun and entertainment supplement on the personality analysis, that machine really tagged me. a caprice of its own.

The left hand side of the card shows your good points while the right hand side records the dark side of your nature. In my case the electric pen made only five digressions onto the right hand side of the card, couldn't make up its mind about nine personality traits, and indicated that I had 12 good

points. I was elated.

I wasn't elated so much for my own sake. It was my wife I thought should be suitably impressed. Along with various other members of the family they kindly remind me of my shortcomings. Somehow they don't dwell very long on the positive side of the ledger.

This was indeed proof that there was much more to the old scribe than they had ever dredged up before.

So naturally when I arrived home this was the first object I produced for the brood, carefully concealing the footnotes about fun and entertainment under a thumb.

There was a curious silence while they sized up the analysis, looking at me simultaneously. Then my better half calmly enquired:

"Is this all you did all day?"

"Course not," I replied enthusiastically.

"I can see that," she commented, pinpointing two free tickets to Starvin'

We were hooked by flashing lights, the Marvin's burlesque house which had slipped sober attitude of those who had tried the out of my breast coat pocket for all to see. I machine out and carefully studied the shoved them back quickly, cursing my

Some doll had slipped them to my

companion and me as we passed a stall where they dispensed pipes. I never looked to see what they were, just stuffed them into my pocket for future reference. There was no need for future reference.

My credulity was destroyed. They suspected I also acquired the electrographic personality analysis at Starvin' Marvin's, whoever he is.

So to once more establish my positive points I reproduce the analysis for all to see-and share. I am not bothered by the wit who enquired why I had not tested the machine twice to see whether it was all true or just a case where the machine developed

Why knock a good thing?

I say-stay ahead while you can. You can't trust fate.

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### Crosswalk education need . . .

Councillor Norm Elliott's charge that Acton's crosswalks leave a lot to be desired in the way of safety points up two distressing facts about today's "fat cat" society.

Elliott charged cars parking beyond the 20 foot open zone, near crosswalks, are blocking motorists' view of children stepping on to the street.

As Councillor Earl Masales later pointed out, many people seem to insist on parking exactly where they want to get out, even though there may be ample parking spaces on side streets or lots only a block away.

In an age, when lack of proper exercise is one of the largest contributing factors to heart disease, it seems strange people should jeopardize both their own health and that of other pedestrians by cramming cars on Mill Street, just because it happens to be right on the doorstep of most stores.

We agree with Mayor Les Duby's

statement that more education and wider publicity on the proper pedestrian use of crosswalks is necessary, although council as a whole didn't think it was, when they voted down an advertising proposal a year and a half ago.

A Free Press survey conducted, shortly after the proposal was voted down, showed that by and large neither pedestrians or motorists were sure about the proper way of using crosswalks.

According to Acton O.P.P., the' proper way of using a crosswalk is to step off the curb, point your intention to cross, then proceed between the lines. Pedestrians are to walk not run. Motorists must be given a reasonable time to come to a stop. The onus is on the pedestrian to signal clearly.

The Free Press survey also noted a reluctance on the part of those, who did know, to point their finger, which would indicate that pedestrians are either in

too much of a hurry to bother or somehow feel embarassed making the signal in public.

Again it's surprising people can be so sensitive about making such a sensible' motion at a time less necessary public demonstrations are on the increase. Many of the same people would likely not hesitate to point an imaginary finger at an innocent motorist for not stopping.

Proper use of crosswalks requires that three parties, the pedestrian, the motorist and the parker take the time and have the consideration to think of . the other party and what the consequences could be if they don't.

Failing this, town council may have to ensure that they do by imposing more stringent measures, such as elimination of some parking spaces on Mill Street, suggested by Councillor Peter Marks or an increase in fines for parking offenders, which Councillor Bill Coats recommended.

### Where are the needed nurses?

We think Acton Deputy Reeve G. W. McKenzie and Reeve Tom Hill of Esquesing deserve strong support from the people of North Halton in their efforts to improve county health services in the north.

There is a wide deficiency between the service the south of the county receives and what we get here in the north. This is reflected in the number of nurses who serve each area. Figures indicate there is one public health nurse for every 5,200 people in Oakville, one for every 6,700 in Burlington while just one nurse serves the 15,000 people of Esquesing and Acton.

Efforts to get more staff have apparently been non-existent despite instructions from the Board of Health to Health Unit employees at a meeting in February. We would say that the Health Unit has not yet got the message about the situation in the north because they obviously are unconcerned.

After February's meeting we would have expected the Board to advertise for nurses to fill seven vacancies the director of nursing admitted existed.

However, we have been advised by one nurse that she has been following the professional journals to see if Halton has advertised for nurses, and has drawn only a blank to date.

Now Dr. Chamberlain, the quiet spoken medical officer of health, has said there was no difficulty getting interviews but most applicants wanted to know the pay they would receive and this could not be answered because contract negotiations are still underway between the nurses and the county. This view clashes with the report from the director of nursing who indicated there was a problem getting interviews with potential nurses to fill the vacancies.

Well is there or isn't there? Obviously the two people closest to the situation do not agree.

Acting chairman Reeve Hill, exasperated by the confusion, ordered the medical officer of health to provide a comprehensive, accurate report on the number of nurses employed and where they are placed and going to be placed. Pat McKenzie tore up the

written report by the director of nursing, noting it provided no answers to the problems the Health unit faced.

It looks like the public health nurse situation in Halton is a mammoth can of worms, which gets progressively worse as years go by.

Three years ago Grand Jury report asked that the shortage of nurses be fully investigated and steps taken to recruit adequate staff for the Health Unit. The nurses grey-listed the county health unit back in 1965 when contract negotiations broke down. The history since that time has never been smooth.

It gets a little tiresome to hear some public officials deny there is a staff deficiency, or that the north is poorly served, when figures and facts point to glaring inconsistencies.

It must also be baffling for Deputy Reeve McKenzie and Reeve Hill as they try to sort out what the health program proposes to do in the north end of the county and what is actually done. They should have the support of all public minded citizens in untangling the rad tape.

There is a growing philosophy among young people that goes something like this: "Work? Who needs it?"

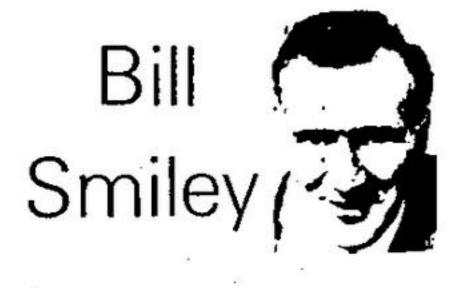
The theory has a number of foster parents. One of them is the exceeding ease with which one can get on the welfare rolls these days. Why work when one can draw enough welfare for a pad, however humble, grub and smokes?

Then there is unemployment insurance. This is even better than welfare to fall back on, though it does require the occasional stint of that four-letter word we're talking about. Work for a few months, get yourself fired on some pretext, loll back on the mattress of un. ins. until it runs out, work again for a little while, and repeat the process. This is a way of life for some young people, and they make no bones about it.

It doesn't occur to them that it's merely a refined form of stealing, and in most cases, I don't think they'd care if it did.

As an aside, I think you'd be appalled by their attitude towards stealing. I conduct regular surveys in my classes on such subjects - what used to be known as simple honesty. In most cases, the majority believes firmly that it's bad to steal from a friend, but it's perfectly all right to steal, or "rip-off" from any large institutions: chain stores, insurance companies, the government.

I wonder where they got that idea? It couldn't possibly be from hearing their dads talking about beating the tax collector, or their mome exaggerating an insurance claim. Could it?



Back to the subject. What else influences this comparatively new non-attitude toward work? One is purely economic. They are completely frustrated by the free enterprise system under which they have been raised. It still offers great opportunities for the few who have enterprise and luck.

Well, how many of us have both? You can have all the enterprise that's lying around, but if you haven't luck, you're a perpetual bankrupt. You can be a real lucker, but if you don't have any enterprise, all you do is win a few bucks at bingo or on the horses.

Their real beef against the system, of course, is that it does not work. It does not create enough jobs. Therefore, why get an education, why even bother looking for work, if there isn't any?

Another influence, or lack of it, is that of the church. It used to have two firm allies in the establishment and the work ethic. The church hasn't been able to cope. It is tarnished by its association with the other two, and the young people have turned their back on it, though I don't think they have lost the faith.

They've merely lost respect for that massive body of rules and dogma and "an honest day's work for an honest day's pay", and the insistence that while life is pretty rotten, everything will be groovy in heaven. They are young, impatient, and simply will not buy that.

As you may have expected, or hoped, or given up on, I am trying to make a point. I'm not against the attitude. If I didn't like work, I'd quit tomorrow. But there is nothing ennobling in work itself. It's an utter drag, unless you like what you are doing.

The other morning, I was driving one of my students to school. He's a big, husky lad who has shovelled out my drive at times of stress. Asked him what he was going to do when he finished school.

"Well, I'm going to work for a year, then maybe go to college."

Asked him whether he couldn't get a student loan, "I don't want one. I don't wanna owe anybody anything."

He continued, "My parents would give me the money to go to university, but I won't take it. They've worked hard all their lives for it. Why not let them enjoy what's left?"

At this point, I ran off the road, and killed two girls from middle-class parents, who were confident that, despite the fact that they have no brains, their parents would send them to college and that they would there find a husband, and one boy who had told me he was going to extort every penny he could from the government in loans and grants, and never pay them back.

### Back Issues of The Free Press

Taken from the issue of the Free Press. Thursday, April 24, 1952.

"It's a historical site, make it a beautiful site." is the aim of members of Bannockburn Women's Institute, Farm Forum and residents who held an old-fashioned work bee at Wordan's cemetery on Saturday and made real progress. The pioneer landmark is at the corner of the 5th Line and No. 7 Highway. One badly broken stone in the corner seems to be the oldest, dated 1856 marking the resting place of Mary Wordan who died at 47. Apparently the last interments were made in 1932.

The Gay Nineties returned temporarily when the Rockwood Community Club players, sponsored by the Social and Welfare committee of local 479 U.P.W.A. Beardmore and Co. presented a variety show in the town hall. Director of the show, which was seen by about 240, was Miss Ruth McLaren. Among the performers were Ted Jewell, William Crofts, William Blacklock and Bernice Freeman.

J. W. Wolfe was elected president of the Home and School Association at the monthly meeting in the Y.M.C.A.

Mr. Jack Mainprize has finished his year as demonstrator at the University of Toronto and is going soon to Regina.

Taken from the issue of the Free Press. Thursday, April 20, 1922.

The special meeting called for Tuesday evening by the reeve to discuss the route that the citizens of Acton were desirous of having the provincial highway take through town was well attended. Mr. Smith of the Department of Highways answered all questions and when a vote of all those present was taken the meeting was overwhelmingly in favor of the highway coming down Mill St. The matter of building a subway or overhead bridge at the Mill St. crossing is apparently not on the plans at present. It was thought, however that gates and a watchman would be likely put on at this point. Mr. Smith said the department has always considered that Mill St. was the only feasible route for the highway through town. The only objection he could see was the removal of Cooper's tallor shop at the corner of Mill and Main Sts. Mill St. was 34 feet wide between poles which was much wider than the Toronto Hamilton highway. Where the highway went through Port Credit it was only 20 feet wide and Mr. Smith

said he had heard of no serious drawbacks. Mr. R. L. Gregory, who has made such a success of his moving picture enterprise in Acton and Georgetown has decided to open new theatres in Rockwood and Erin.

Taken from the issue of the Free Press, Thursday, April 29, 1897.

The barber shops have agreed to fall in with the early closing movement and will close Monday, Tuesday and Thursday

evenings at 8 o'clock. A court of the Canadian Order of Foresters was instituted on Monday evening by Mr. W. H. Finch, Brantford. Elected as officers were W. H. Denny, Robert Watson, James Symon, Rev. Godden, W. H. Adams, John Cameron, F. A. Bailey, Angus Lawson, E. Schlimme, Albert Adams, Alfred Soper, J. Symon, Dr. Mercer, Dr. McKeague.

A hole opened on Main St. in Milton last week and swallowed a horse standing at the Commercial Hotel completely.

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