

Poll favors death penalty

WHAT IS YOUR OPINION OF CAPITAL PUNISHMENT? This question was put to five Acton residents in another public opinion poll taken by the Free Press Friday. The recent shooting deaths of the two Toronto police officers has generated much interest and debate as to whether or not the recent five year moratorium on capital punishment had any effect on the number of murders committed in Canada.



NICK FARION
Police Officer

By all means keep capital punishment for all murders. Joe Blow on the street is paying taxes to keep the people who make the laws, and his life is as important as police officers or prison guards.



S. M. THOMAN
Pentecostal Minister

I firmly advocate capital punishment because it was instituted by God from the beginning, before the institution of the law. In Genesis 9-6 "Whose soul sheddeth man's blood, by man shall his blood be shed. For in the image of God made He man." In the law given to Moses we read in Exodus 21-12 "He that smiteth a man so that he die, shall be surely put to death."



RENE WATSON
Merchant

I am in favour of retention of capital punishment, and not just for the murder of police and prison guards. I don't feel that when it (capital punishment) was in use, it was used indiscriminately.



ALICE DUBY
Bank Employee

If it is proven that it is premeditated malicious murder, the person responsible is not worth the cost of rehabilitation. The Bible says "an eye for an eye, a tooth for a tooth..."



BILL BENSON
Merchant

The government should never have changed the law. I am very much in favour of it (capital punishment). We have to have a deterrent for those people who kill other people.

Spirit of '74 at first dance

By Jack Carpenter

The Acton Centennial spirit is not a new brand you will find in a bottle, it's an intangible thing and starts with a good portion of neighbourliness.

Just the fact that the neighbors are all going to celebrate the town's 100th birthday is enough to bring this spirit to the surface and it needs just a little stirring to keep it active.

With a lot of this spirit around in 1974, our birthday is going to be an event we will remember for a long time if last Saturday is any gauge. The Centennial Commission did the stirring and arranged a neighborhood dance. The neighbors did the rest.

Someone called a neighbor up the street and they called someone else and they in turn called a neighbor and together they met some of the new residents in town and the spirit produced a night out. Got to meet new neighbors and old friends.

Booked the golf club for the get-together, had Harry Arbic and his music, the girls all brought some food the result, a night out for 80 neighbors for \$1 each, lots of laughs, an evening of dancing, prizes, and a feast.

Host Jim Timleck got into the spirit and donated the evening. Net result; everyone have a great time, the centennial grew by \$51 and when's the next time?

No one has to wait to be asked, get a group together and do it yourself. In the meantime there are two neighborhood dances set for March. Same place, same idea. For the 10th of March get in touch with Ted Tyler Jr., Paul Nielsen, John Shadbolt or Bill Coats.

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A NEW APARTMENT building on Maria St. is nearing completion despite imposition of a stop work order by the town in October, 1972. The town order was imposed because the building did not conform to the by-laws but the

owners have applied for a variance which was approved by the Committee of Adjustment Monday night but is still subject to approval from Queen's Park. It is the second apartment building on the property. —H. Coles Photo

Campaign soon

Centennial fund short \$114,799

By Jack Carpenter
Acton's Centennial Project fund has a grand total of \$2201.82 which leaves a balance of \$114,799.00 to be raised to complete the building. Fifty thousand dollars is needed to get "stage one" started.

One hundred and twelve names appear on the subscription list, and most of those are buying bricks at \$3 each in the "Buy-A-Brick" campaign which is spearheading the fund campaign. No matter how you view the results, the percentage is low. From a total population of over 5,000 we have a long way to go. Add the thousands in the

surrounding districts, friends and relatives, the fund, let alone the building, has not yet got off the ground.

Centennial is a community happening and Acton although not considered a big town is a great town and everyone's support is going to prove it. Just because the future regional set up shows Acton in a slow growth area don't let that effect your thinking today. Everyone 'intends to', is 'going to' and is 'thinking about' making a contribution and offering support to the centennial. Make it happen—do it now.

Thanks to those who have made

the effort.

New names this week: Marguerite Taylor, Lloyd Broostad, Shirley Broostad, Harry Arbic, David Neely, Derrick Neely, Douglas Neely, Debra Neely, Donna Neely, Roseanne Brown, Raeanne Brown, P. M. Brown, Roy Brown, Marguerite Brown, Bertha Brown, Elsie K. Stewart, William G. Roszell, Ruthann Roszell, Garnet Roszell, I.O.D.E. Lakeside Chapter, Acton Meadow Golf Club.

Centennial Thought For The Day; I am in centennial and when I get involved with Acton we get action.

Churchill

Folk service, deaths news

By Mrs. Fred MacArthur
Churchill Community Church morning worship was resumed again Feb. 11, after there being no morning worship for two weeks. On Jan. 28 the service was cancelled on account of icy roads, and on Feb. 4 the folk service took the place of the regular morning worship. There was a good attendance present to hear Rev. W. A. Fosbury's message. It was very meaningful. The choir of 17 voices sang the anthem Sanctify Me.

The regular monthly meeting of the C.C.C. Women will be held on Wednesday afternoon Feb. 21 at 2 p.m. at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Archie Kerr. NOTE the change to afternoon meeting from the evening meeting for the next two months.

Dies in Arizona
Churchill neighbors and friends would like to express their deepest sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Binnie in the death of their sister-in-law, Mrs. Alex Jackson of Erin Township, who passed away at Yuma, Arizona on Tuesday morning, Feb. 6. She and her husband had been holidaying there. Her body was flown home. Service was at the Weddell Funeral Home, Erin. Temporary entombment was at Coningsby Mortuary.

Churchill friends and neighbors wish to express their deepest sympathy to the Burgess family in the death of their father the

late Mr. William Burgess who has made his home with his daughter Mary and Mr. Angus McEachern. Mr. Burgess died in Guelph General Hospital on Wednesday, Feb. 7. Funeral service was held at Rumley-Shoemaker Funeral home on Friday. Interment was in Woodlawn Cemetery, Guelph.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Kerr, Jeffrey and Christine visited at her brother's home with Mr. and Mrs. Ken Knox of Petersburg on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Allen of Willowdale were guests on Saturday with Mr. and Mrs. Ward Hamilton and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Don Anderson, Donald and David attended the Boat Show in Toronto on Saturday afternoon.

Miss Muriel McNichol of Weston visited at her sister's home with Mr. and Mrs. Ward Hamilton and family last Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Emerson Anderson, Earl and Jim enjoyed a trip to Barrie on Saturday and attended the winter carnival.

Mrs. Bert James of Erin also Mrs. Ken Hall of R.R. 2, Guelph visited on Wednesday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. William Thompson.

Holiday Monday
All the teachers and school children of Erin Township enjoyed a holiday on Monday when Professional Development Day was held in Guelph. Mr. and Mrs. Mike Hamilton,

Mark, Amy Lynn and Cara Jane of Georgetown, spent the weekend at his parents' home again with Mr. and Mrs. Ward Hamilton and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Ron Anderson and family of Oakville, also Mrs. B. Anderson and Mrs. D. Kentner of Acton had Sunday dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Don Anderson and boys Donald and David.

Flowers in church
The flowers at the front of the church on Sunday morning were placed there in memory of the late Mr. William Burgess who for many years lived on the 5th Line of Erin Township before moving to Guelph.

Mr. and Mrs. William Thompson accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Clark Armstrong had a very enjoyable trip on Sunday to the cottage on Muskoka Lake. There were a few fishing huts on the lake.

Churchill friends and neighbors will be pleased to hear Mr. Jack Cole was able to return home from Guelph General Hospital and is feeling much better.

Opposes Sunday racing at Toronto Int. strip

Further extension of privileges to operators of the Toronto International Dragway in the form of Sunday racing and earlier gate opening times has been opposed by Sixth Line resident Ellis Taylor, a member of the North Esqueing Racepayers Association.

Operators recently asked Esqueing council to consider amending its present racing by-law to permit meets on Sundays from May 1 until September 30 and from Monday to Thursday nights inclusive until 11:30 p.m. A request was also made to allow the dragway's gates to be opened earlier than 11:30 a.m. on Sundays, if it is found necessary to avoid traffic congestion.

In a letter to council last week, Mr. Taylor, who resides near the eastern end of the dragway, suggested that if requests are granted, the end result would be a seven day week of racing if coupled with present regulations.

Lists violations
He charged the present racing by-law has been broken repeatedly and listed several alleged instances in 1972 to back up his charge. Included on the list were three dates in mid-May on which racing took place (the present by-law forbids use of the track before Victoria Day), one date on which Saturday racing of motors began before the appointed hour, five dates on which an aircraft either landed or took off from the strip, three dates on which racing continued at night after the appointed closing hour and Thanksgiving Day when engine tune-ups began 90 minutes prior to the allowed hour.

Classifieds get results
Free Press classified advertisements get results minutes after the newspaper is published. Proof? Twenty minutes after the Free Press was published last Wednesday an advertiser sold a baby buggy. She had many phone calls after the sale was completed. If you have something for sale Free Press classifieds can do the job. The Free Press is received into well over 3,000 homes each week, giving blanket coverage to Acton, Rockwood and district.

Mr. Taylor alleged one aircraft take-off occurred at 9:10 p.m. in full dark, which he claimed is in violation of air regulations. Following investigation, Mr. Taylor said he found the aircraft was registered in the name of E. R. Rachanski of Oaklawn Illinois, U.S.A., whom he said claims to be a shareholder in the company operating the dragway.

"I hope you realize a member of a flying club is also a shareholder in the club or company. This opens up some theoretical possibilities, unless council enacts advance regulations to prevent them," Mr. Taylor's letter said.

Traffic problem
Mr. Taylor suggested traffic congestion results because of the racing meets and for no other reason. Any earlier opening of gates would only result in a longer period of so-called accidental outbursts of engine racing and tune-up prior to the race period, he claimed. He reminded council that a permit for racing at any time was originally granted under an estimate that these race and noise factors would not last longer than five and one-half hours.

Referring to a statement by the operators that the dragway's

object is to provide top quality performers and establish a quality track, Mr. Taylor further charged that it seems directed toward Toronto interests and enthusiasts.

"It was originally the expressed intention of this operation to provide an outlet for those in this area who were interested in this sport, but if the dragway is allowed to develop into a big time operation, it may well lessen the opportunity for these local enthusiasts to participate."

"I would again suggest that they keep it in Toronto, along with their garbage," he added. Mr. Taylor went on to request that council require the operation of racing vehicles to conform to the same limits of noise level that are now required by snowmobiles.

In conclusion, Mr. Taylor expressed the opinion council is in a quite safe legal position to refuse any further expansion or extended privileges to the operation.

"It would appear to me to be an obligation of council to the residents and in the best interests of the township planning board to ensure that there is no further development of this enterprise," he said.

NOTICE

TO THE ACTON BUSINESS COMMUNITY

The Acton Planning Board is currently reviewing the C1H zoning in the downtown core, which provides a planned commercial growth while restricting the alteration in size of residences. Interested parties are invited to submit briefs regarding the resultant benefits, and, or detriments, to the Secretary by 5:00 p.m. Friday, March 2, 1973.

H. D. Patterson, Secretary
Acton Planning Board
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