

# Absurd to pay for police twice

Residents of Acton and Esquesing indeed need to be concerned if Mayor Tom Hill is unsuccessful in his bid to have regional police costs stricken from the two areas.

As he sees it Acton and Esquesing residents might have to pay double for police because there is no provision in Bill 151, legislation which set up regional government, to deal with a situation where two police forces were involved.

Acton has its own O.P.P. detachment while the Esquesing area of Halton Hills is also patrolled by members of the O.P.P. from the Milton detachment.

Nassagaweya is in the same boat as Acton and Esquesing, so Mayor Hill has asked Mayor Anne MacArthur to accompany him on a jaunt to Queen's Park where they

hope to collar the Hon. John White and wring some sort of a concession.

In his remarks to the police commission the mayor also revealed that if Acton and Esquesing residents are saddled with the extra police costs—paying for protection twice—the mill rate could escalate to the point where it would be too rich for anyone's blood.

Of course, the whole point of regional government was to avoid duplication of services but at present it could lead to two police forces and double taxation, which is both absurd and unreasonable.

No one in Acton benefits from the presence of regional police in Georgetown although the day may come when the region's law enforcement officers are in, Acton.

Police Chief Ken Skerrett has asked for copies of all local by-laws in Acton and Esquesing as well as the other municipalities so when the day arrives the regional police will be prepared to enforce them.

Esquesing is now in the peculiar position of having the O.P.P. providing law enforcement but not enforcing local by-laws. Halton Regional Police are beginning to assist the O.P.P. in Esquesing, but Chief Skerrett noted there could be legal entanglements the region force would want to avoid. As of now they are standing by at accidents until the O.P.P. arrive.

In any event it is a mixed-up matter which requires the attention Mayor Hill wants to give and one with which residents of all three areas of Halton Hills should be concerned.



Foaming torrent thunders out of Fairy Lake

## Bill SMILEY



Several items this week, none of them large enough to write a column about, but each of them of such vital importance to the state of the world that they must not be ignored.

Germany: a couple of leftovers. Prostitution is legal there. In Kaiserlautern, there's a rather bleak four-storey building. Probably financed by American aid. It is a (uh, shall we say?) house of ill repute.

In their rude and licentious way, the soldiery call it, "Four floors of whores," which has a nice echoic ring to it. But what caught my eye, at 11 a.m., was the huge neon sign on top of the building. It read, "SEX MIT HEART." The word heart was not spelled out, but represented by a huge, red, Valentine-type heart, in neon. A nice touch.

Another place in the same city was "Harry's." He has a good gimmick, which I'd like to see Eaton's and Simpsons adopt. It is a clip joint for unsuspecting North Americans. There are no Germans in the place. But you can buy anything from a Hummel figurine to a vast, fussy painting. However, his gimmick getssem. When you walk in the door, you are offered a coke, a coffee, or a beer. And when you leave, you are offered a free gift: comb, nail-file, plastic car-key-holder, something. It's chicken stuff, but it's smart. In a lot of Canadian stores, all you are offered is a slice of cold shoulder.

Trees. The Germans treat their trees as we would roses. They are carefully

husbanded — and even wived — and produce the expectant harvest. They are then cut up as carefully as bread. We whack ours down and burn them.

Not that I'd want to live in Germany. Who wants to live in a country where the trains run on time, and highway signs say something as vulgar as Ausfahrten?

Movies: Recently I was involved in the making of a movie. I am here to declare, by the grace of God, that I do not now, or ever, want to be a movie star, a supporting actor, or an extra.

You guessed it. I was an extra. Unpaid. I spent a beautiful spring afternoon running up and down hills, shouting, "Get him! Kill him! Hang him!", in a soldier's uniform, and brandishing a stout club.

Why I, as a soldier, was carrying a club, instead of a musket, I don't know, but extras don't question De Mille, do they?

Trouble was with the movie that we extras didn't know what the hell was going on. We puffed up and down the hills, got slapped in the eye by willow switches, and jumped over logs, waving our clubs menacingly. It was pretty exciting. The first time.

Then we did it over and over again, because someone had forgotten to take off the sun-glasses, or the watch. It was a period piece, and the beer cans and coke bottles didn't fit into the 19th century milieu.

Must admire the cameraman though. He

climbed about forty feet into a tree, to take "down" shots of us idiots running through the woods, yelling, "Kill him! Get him!" and such. Then he lay under a log, shooting up, getting crotch shots and feet shots as we did the same thing. Then he waded into a river (in April) and did the same thing. Finally, he ran backwards with a hand camera while we raced (or stumbled) toward him, shouting the same stuff. He tripped a couple of times over trees cut down with a 1974 chain saw.

Biggest problem was not to laugh during shooting (as we call it).

There is something eminently hilarious about a collection of middle-aged people, some of them with hernias and heart attacks, walking back up a hill, for the fifth time, in order to come running down it again, because some silly ass had cried, in the excitement, "Go get him, Mike!", instead of "Kill! Kill!" and the sound man had picked up the modern expression.

Depression: Not the psychiatric kind, the economic kind. I feel it in my bones. There's a big depression coming. Jolly good, is what I say. We haven't had a decent depression in this country for years.

There's almost a desire for one. The kids, of course, don't even know what one is. Heard a girl say today to another, "Vu' gotny money?" The other replied, "Yabudy, Yabudy goddagetsum cigrets." Priorities.

But the old folks know. In fact, they almost have a nostalgia for it. They brag about it. Lumpy porridge instead of Krinkly Krunchies. Hamburger, two pounds for two-bits. Mailmen working and danged glad to have a job. Railwaymen ditto.

There are books, "Ten Lost Years", and plays dramatizing the Depression. And it was dramatic. I was there. For the ten Lost Years. And I didn't feel they were lost. Ask anyone. If you can find him. Or her?

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## Weeklies comment on election

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### Our readers write

#### Replies to critic of teachers

Dear Sir:

This letter is in reply to the writer who signed "Fed Up" in the letter dated May 3, 1974, in the Acton Free Press of Wednesday May 8, 1974 concerning teachers. The writer does not state if they are public school, secondary school, or separate school or probably it does not make any difference. An acquaintance of mine is a secondary school teacher, an assistant head in her department. She and many other teachers were told at Queen's Park the protest was conducted in a very orderly manner and displayed no rowdiness in any respect.

This teacher has been teaching since 1967. I feel she is a very dedicated teacher and that any students this teacher teaches will be qualified for their profession, providing they have the ability to absorb what she is teaching them.

This teacher was awarded \$1,700 in scholarships during her own secondary school career. She attended the University of Toronto for four years, graduating with an honour B.A. Certificate. She is also a fully qualified first aid instructor, being a member of St. John Ambulance.

I feel, Mr. "Fed Up", you appear to be acting like many people that are not familiar with the teaching profession, and are writing letters into various papers expressing their opinion. I would like to point out a few of the duties that you are not probably aware of, for instance this teacher has to be at school at 8:15 a.m., five mornings a week. She also has to supervise during the lunch hour period part-time, and many nights she does not get away from the school until 6 p.m.

She has to go to school sometimes on Saturday and Sunday. She also takes turns supervising all types of school functions, dances, football games, etc. She does not receive time at or during school hours to mark exam papers either at Easter, mid-summer or Christmas. For all these extra hours that are involved she receives no extra pay or even time off.

Marking these exam papers at home on her own time is a big chore in itself. The only days off she receives with pay are public holidays and teachers' conventions. All this for a salary of \$14,900 a year.

This teacher also wrote another exam for herself to qualify her for the head of her department which she passed with flying colours. This was also done on her own time at home.

When this teacher takes a summer course during the holiday period which has involved six weeks for the good of the department of education, the students and herself, it is done entirely on her own time

and expense which involves going to another part of the province renting another apartment for two months as apartments cannot be rented on a weekly basis, as well as paying the rent on her own apartment which she occupies the balance of the year.

This same teacher has a brother who did not wish to further his education beyond grade 13. He accepted a position and with five and half years service he is receiving a salary of \$12,500 a year on a straight 40 hour work week. If he works beyond this he receives double time and triple time plus \$20 a week travelling allowance, plus three weeks vacation with pay.

The company where he is employed gave him the opportunity to take courses if he wished with all expenses paid plus his same salary. He accepted the opportunity and to date has been on seven or eight courses. In Malton, Toronto, Oshawa, Sarnia, etc. How does the teaching profession sound to you now "Fed Up"?

I have nothing to hide and I am not ashamed to sign my name. Thank you. Yours truly, Edgar Hilliard

#### Seek Ruffed Grouse eggs

Dear Sir:

I would like to enlist your co-operation again this year in assisting us to carry out a research program on Ruffed Grouse supported by the Ministry of Natural Resources. If you could bring the following information to the attention of your readers, we would be most appreciative.

As part of a continuing research program on Ruffed Grouse at the University of Guelph, we are attempting to collect a sample of eggs from the wild. The eggs are required to provide grouse for use in the research projects.

Because of the great difficulty in locating nests, it is necessary to have the co-operation of as many people as possible. Anyone locating a nest within one hundred and twenty-five miles of Guelph is asked to mark the location, but not to disturb the nest. They should contact us by phoning collect to:

Betty Campbell (519) 824-4120 Ext. 2756 during office hours

At other times, call collect to: A.L.A.

#### Vic is annoyed

"In four years of Regional Government in Niagara, cost of operating the Region, exclusive of the local Municipalities, has jumped by 85 per cent to \$41 Million."

MY REGIONAL EYES

We're wrapped in regional government. Signed, sealed and delivered. Our little township's gobbled up. But we never even quivered.

So, now we all have got to pay. To keep this Monster fed. Our taxes rise, despite our cries. "Give us our Daily Bread."

They say it's better efficiency. To triple up the staff. For more incisions, more Commissions. Say officialdom — then laugh.

We must pay more out in salaries. Create more jobs, for sure. More office capers, more tall skyscrapers. While the middle class grow poor.

Now this "Bill" is on the books. It's surely there to stay. To get more tax from little backs. Those workers now will pay.

But we go blithful on our way. In GOD we put our trust. If we can't bake a little cake. We'll have to live on crust.

Victor Smith, R.R. 2, Rockwood.

### Free Press back issues

#### 20 years ago

Taken from the issue of the Free Press of Thursday, May 20, 1854.

Gordon Ouder, Bank of Montreal manager since 1851, is leaving to take a new post at Amherstburg.

Ray Everdell was named president of Acton fall fair board. Clarence Denny first vice-president and Smith Griffin second vice-president at a special meeting of the fair board. The change in executive is necessitated by the fact the president John Moles is moving shortly to Dunnville.

Stars and moon in silver with panels and streamers in dark blue formed an attractive setting for the Spring Frolic held Friday evening in the town hall by Lakeside chapter of the I.O.D.E. About 200 guests enjoyed dancing to the Debonnaires orchestra after being received by Mr. and Mrs. W. Dumarsh and Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Hinton.

At the final meeting of the season the Y's Men entertained the Y's Men's Ladies Auxiliary at a turkey dinner at Hilltop Lodge. Ed Footitt, the new president, was in charge.

Erasmus's 12th school is expected to be ready for use by September. The location is on the Eden Mills road across from the Presbyterian church. The new school is expected to cost \$35,000. Having the school so close to the village is a boon to the smaller children who have to travel over two miles daily to No. 1 school on the corner of the Eden Mills road and No. 7 highway.

Official boat of Mayor E. Tyler was brought into play Saturday afternoon as the Acton Soccer club kicked off against Kitchener in the first home game of the schedule.

Little Miss Jacqueline Calder is still a patient in the Sick Children's hospital Toronto, after being struck by a car last week. Her condition is much improved.

#### 50 years ago

Taken from the issue of the Free Press of Thursday, May 22, 1924.

Last Thursday afternoon a woman in town who had a little girl with her was observed to stop at the bed of beautiful tulips

at the Soldiers Monument plot. The little girl deliberately broke off and carried away a full dozen of the flowers. At such a place especially such vandalism is regarded almost as a sacrilege, and public sentiment naturally demands severe punishment for the offense.

Mr. R. R. Barbour of Hillsburg, who has been buying wool at Acton station of the Canadian National Railway for several years, will open his market there for the season on June 5 and the two following Thursdays.

For the first time in a number of years Halton county jail at Milton was without a prisoner. This state of affairs is a good evidence that crime is happily on the decrease in Halton county.

Mr. John Crawshaw has installed a fine gasoline filling station at Speyside and is doing a lively business.

Saturday being Victoria Day, the usual public holiday will be observed. Owing to the holiday the business places in town cut out the Wednesday half holiday yesterday.

The Salvation Army held its annual self-denial drive last week. Acton was visited by a trio of Salvation lassies from Guelph who were fairly liberally treated.

The radial car ran off the track at Blue Springs park Friday and there was some delay while it was placed back on the rails. Butter sold on the market here at 30c and eggs at 23c. The spendthrift lilacs will soon fling their lovely perfume broadcast.

#### 75 years ago

Taken from the issue of the Free Press of Thursday, May 18, 1899.

Queen Victoria will celebrate the 80th anniversary of her birthday next Wednesday and the Free Press joins the people of the Empire in wishing her "many happy returns of the day."

After a long period of illness and much fruitless search for relief the silent visitor came to Lewis G. Matthews on Sunday evening and he passed peacefully away. His trouble had been diagnosed as tumor on the brain. Mr. Matthews was a native of Acton, and was born in the building now occupied by A. T. Brown as a drug store when his father had the post office there. He was a pupil of the late Robert Little and was

present at the reunion in 1894. Mrs. Matthews and their children Myrtle, 11, Charlie, 9 and Mildred, 4 survive him.

Peacefully indeed died Mrs. Eliza Royce fall asleep in Jesus on the 66th anniversary of her wedding day. She was one of our most beloved residents. She was born near Dundas in 1813. She was a Godly woman, a veritable mother in Israel and her memory will be revered. The remains will be laid in the family plot at Everton.

There is some talk of the organization of a Sunday School at Speyside if a suitable place can be found in which to hold it. The Junior Epworth League celebrated their second anniversary with a creditable and enjoyable musical evening. Miss Bertie Speight as president was occupied in the program so Mrs. Oram took the chair. The program included a clever drill

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