

Free Press Editorial Page

Who will represent us ?

North Halton will have its own representative in the Ontario legislature now. George Kerr and Jim Snow divided representation for all of Halton, but the new boundaries make a three-way split of the county.

Many people were never sure where the old boundaries were. George Kerr's riding included Acton, as well as Burlington, Nassagaweya and the top section of Esquesing. Jim Snow served Oakville, Milton, Georgetown and a large part of Esquesing.

Now Acton, Milton, Georgetown and Esquesing are included in one new riding, Halton-Burlington. Oakville will be in a riding by itself.

Burlington South will have its northern boundary at the Queen Elizabeth Highway.

George Kerr will no doubt now seek re-election in his home town of Burlington.

Many had thought Jim Snow might choose to run here in the north. For one thing, he had stated he felt a candidate should live in the riding he represents. Mr. Snow lives in Halton Hills. However, he has announced he will run in Oakville, where he owns a business. He explained in this paper that about 70 per cent of the people he represented before are in the new riding.

Now the big question is who will commit himself or herself to announcing candidacy up here.

Recreation spreads out

Some of the members of the new recreation advisory committee expressed discouragement at their last meeting. One or two of them wondered if they were really doing any good.

The recreation co-ordinator assured them he needed their advice and direction, since he is so new here.

But a new facet of recreation is emerging from their meetings recently. It's the increasing interest in recreation in the township. Pam Sheldon in particular has pointed out the need for recreation at Speyside school, and there was a good response at the public meeting called there. Volunteers can be organized through the recreation department to make a program that will run smoothly.

Playground sessions will be held there and at Ballinafad for the first time this summer.

With the population of the township increasing steadily, this is the place to look for more ball diamonds and tennis courts and classes.

And the recreation advisory committee can help it happen.

Yes, it was mild

A lot of people say we've had a mild winter, but few people can prove it.

One who knows it for sure is Ray Thompson, who's in the fuel oil business. Oil consumption was away down this past winter, he says.

There are usually about 20 nights a winter that are below zero, but the past winter there were only three.

There hasn't been a really cold winter for several years, he says.

Election June 26?

A provincial election June 26? Reports from Burlington indicate Halton West M.P.P. George Kerr has rented a downtown office in Burlington until that date,

signifying something could be happening.

That would mean Premier Davis would have to announce the date this Friday. It is possible.

Our Readers Write

Brother to be proud of

The Editor, Acton Free Press: May 5, 1975.

Accomplishments are achievements and lead to success in life. My brother, Mark Bowen, has survived the elements of competition, doubters, and has sacrificed time and effort to achieve what now has become a lifelong profession. Mark has successfully completed a very rigid course in Real Estate, and has obtained his Ontario Provincial Licence. In 1973, he also completed a similar course in Nova Scotia and ob-

tained his licence within that province. Now, he is back home in his natural surroundings, among his friends and relatives and is employed by our father.

My congratulations are extended to my brother, who was seeking the right avenue to follow, but did not know the way to turn. He leaned on me. I'm proud to have a brother that cared. "He looks up to me," as the old saying goes, but now I can publicly and openly say "The tides have turned, and I look up to you, Mark!"

Good luck!
Wayne Bowen.

We still protect people

Each year during Police Week, the 185 Ontario Provincial Police detachments open their doors to the public.

May 11th to May 17th is Police Week this year, and I would like to extend a personal invitation for you to visit an OPP detachment. Members of the force will be on hand to show you around and explain the workings of the OPP in your community.

The role of the police has been basically unchanged for years. Although the em-

phasis may change in these specialized times, we still have to protect people. The Seventies have given us technology, but we are still striving to improve our communications with the citizens of Ontario.

Here is an ideal opportunity to meet a policeman in an informal atmosphere; take your family and introduce them to him, have a look at the detachment and see how he works to help you.

H. H. Graham, Commissioner.

One dollar per grouse egg

May 2, 1975
Ministry of Natural Resources

Dear Sir: The Wildlife Branch would like to enlist your co-operation in assisting Dr. Alex L. A. Middleton, University of Guelph, to carry out a research program on Ruffed Grouse supported in part by the Ministry of Natural Resources.

As part of a continuing research program being conducted by Dr. Middleton it is necessary to collect a sample of eggs from the wild. Because of the great difficulty in locating nests the co-operation of as many people as possible is required. Any person locating a nest within 125 miles of Guelph is asked to mark the location. BUT PLEASE DO NOT DISTURB THE NEST!

They should contact Dr. Middleton by phoning collect to: Betty Campbell (519) 824-4120 ext. 3756 (during office hours).

At other times, call collect to: Alex L. A. Middleton (519) 822-3832; Craig Greenwood (519) 823-1978; Allan Garbutt (519) 824-2278.

Dr. Middleton will arrange to pick up the eggs as soon as possible and will pay the locator one dollar per egg for his trouble.

This annual collection has not resulted in lower grouse numbers. All reared birds are, of course, given the best possible care. Co-operation last year was most appreciated and the grouse raised from eggs has permitted Dr. Middleton to make a number of significant findings on the reproductive biology and age-class distribution of Ruffed Grouse. These findings are important in the management aspect of Ruffed Grouse for the Province of Ontario.

Thank you for your co-operation.
Yours sincerely,
D. R. Johnston, Director
Wildlife Branch



HALTON GUN club held a show at the Legion Hall here Saturday morning displaying helmets, medals, army patches and assorted fire-arms. Along with rifles dating back to the world wars, bayonets, swords and knives were also shown.



Sugar and Spice by bill smiley

Did you ever go around feeling good all the time, and have to stop and wonder why? That's been happening to me all week. I find myself whistling, tossing cheery salutes to colleagues and generally feeling as though I'd just won a lottery.

"Settle down, boy. This isn't like you," I admonish me. I am not normally a gloom-pot, but neither do I go around grinning like an idiot. My wife, early in our acquaintance, nicknamed me "Stoneface." My average expression could probably be described as saturnine.

That's why I was a little alarmed to find myself breaking into broad smiles this week. When I actually found myself being jolly with the boss, I knew it was time to stop and pull myself together.

"Look, Bill," I said to myself, "you have not been drinking, you are not senile; nobody has left you a large sum of money. Pull yourself together. Why are you going around all hummy inside like a little old humming-bird?"

And then it struck me. Pokey is in town. Pokey, if you came in late, is Nicov Chen Sieber, my granddaddy, all rosy, satin cheeks and huge brown eyes and golden hair and little white teeth and twenty-two pounds of hellelly of him.

Some of you will remember an old song that went, "Sugar in the morning, sugar in the evening, sugar at supper time..." Those ancient spavined ladies who were once the fabulous Andrews Sisters made it a hit.

Well, that's what it is like when my granddaddy is around. It's sugar first thing in the morning, when I get down for breakfast. The sugar consists of a little jig of glee, two big eyes, a tiny white grin, and two wee arms thrust up, demanding a pickup, a dozen or so kisses, a dandle, a song, a little soft-shoe shuffle, and anything else that the old man can muster for the early service.

Of course, it's all a plot. Reason tells me this. The kid has been trained from birth to know who has the money in the family, who is the softest touch, the biggest sucker.

But reason is washed away by the floods of emotion when the downy head snuggles into one's neck, or the tiny finger goes into the air, pointing at a sun-reflection on the wall, or the sturdy little body, proceeding like a bishop on roller skates, marches to the fire-trous, picks up the poker, and gravely hands it to one, ignoring everyone else in the room.

So. The hell with reason. I'm making a new will. My wife has practically every-

thing else tied up, but the kid is getting my rubber waders and fishing rod, my golf clubs, my 25 shares of mining stocks, and the beautiful foot-stool that his great-grandfather, on his father's side, fashioned with his own hands. That's all I own, but it should set him up pretty well for life.

And that may be only a start. We took him to see his other great-grandad on the weekend. It was quite a symbolic, touching meeting, their first.

There was a little more than eighty years between them, but they were close buddies from the start.

Great-Grandad was waiting, arms open. Great-Granddaddy stuck out his arms. Great-Granddaddy's eyes got all red around the edges. Great-Granddaddy grinned. It was as simple as that.

For the rest of the weekend, there really wasn't anybody else around of much

account. There was only one cock-of-the-walk, all 15 months of him. This despite, or because of the fact that Great-Granddaddy had no less than the following beeding his every wish: one great-great-aunt, two great-aunts, two great-uncles, one gran, one grandad, one mother, and four assorted cousins, young enough to be his brothers and sisters. Talk about a spoiled-rotten kid!

To my mind, this is the way a baby should be brought up, amidst a veritable horde of people who love him because he is a beautiful baby, and love him even more because he is theirs, with all that fine blood in him.

This still happens among a few primitive tribes, but has almost vanished from our vaunted western society, where even grannies and granddads, let alone the "greats", are neatly tucked away into nursing homes where they are lucky to get a perfunctory visit once a month from their own children, let alone ever have a chance to cuddle and kiss the tiny ones, who bear their blood and bones and spirit.

No child in this world has ever been spoiled by a surfeit of love. And who has more time and love to give than the "grands" and the "greats"?

At any rate, as I told my daughter after she had come in from pacing off her granddaddy's land. "That boy obviously knows which side his bread is buttered on. You have trained him well. He has me hooked. He has his great-grandfather hooked. If he plays his cards right, he might wind up as a member of the landed gentry, as well as the owner of a 15-year-old pair of hip waders."

Ottawa Report

By Dr. Frank Philbrook
HALTON MP

This will probably not be an easy year for students to find summer jobs and, believe me, the federal government is aware of it. I was glad, therefore, to be able to take part in the official openings of the special student employment offices on May 1 in Milton and Oakville. These offices are run by the department of manpower and immigration with the co-operation of the Chambers of Commerce, and staffed by university graduate students.

The program is called Operation Placement and it seeks to bring together students who are seeking summer work and employers who are seeking summer help. I want to urge students who are seeking work to register at their local student placement office and, perhaps more importantly this year, to urge employers to contact these offices and let them know your summer work needs. Many of the students have experience in one or another of a variety of jobs and for the most part are eager workers.

Both Ron Harris, in Milton, and Frank Wood, in Oakville, who as members of the Milton and Oakville Chamber of Commerce are working on the Operation Placement program, told me that "all kinds of employment" is being sought this year. Naturally students look for the full-time business-industrial-agricultural kind of work so they can save enough money to return to college or university in the fall. But the offices are also seeking other kinds of part-time work, such as babysitting, gardening, house painting, the odd-job type of work around the house.

The Free Press Back Issues

20 years ago

Taken from the issue of the Free Press, May 12, 1955.

Queen for a week is Frances Oakes, 17, who Saturday night was crowned with a tiara of pearls. She will enjoy an all-expense paid trip to New York city. The Acton high school girl garnered the most votes in the Rotary Club's peanut sales campaign last week.

Despite efforts of search parties, district provincial police and reports of having been seen, Andrew Buchanan, 63, is still missing after leaving his home Monday evening.

The C.G.T. of Knox church met in the church room on May 9. After a game called Kambali, they sang the hymn and repeated the purpose. Ann Watkins and Jane McPhedran took part in the worship service conducted by Marina Sinclair.

The Y.M.C.A. Checker Club has announced its first champions since the formation of the club over a month ago. Emerging from the Monday afternoon sessions undefeated, Bob Agnew was proclaimed first champion of the Y Checker club. Defeated in the first round of games, Hutch Dedels followed close behind with only one loss to his name.

Ad.—How many minutes per gallon? Of course you don't have to make gasoline yourself. But you do have to work at your job to make the money to buy gasoline. And today you don't have to work nearly as long as you did in 1906 or even 1946. Back in 1909, the average Canadian had to work 33 minutes to earn enough to buy a gallon of gasoline. Seven years later, in 1946, the same Canadian had to work 29 minutes to earn enough to buy a gallon of gasoline. Today he has to work only 17 minutes — about half as long as in 1909 — to buy a gallon of gasoline. It's much better gasoline, too. Two gallons of today's gasoline does the work of three gallons made in the 20's.

50 years ago

Taken from the issue of the Free Press, May 14, 1925.

While going through the woods on the mountain on Monday, John Wilson, of Milton killed a milk snake which measured exactly seven feet long and three inches through the body. Its head, Mr. Wilson said, was as large as his fist.

Since the lowering of the fence on Mill Street, the spacious and beautiful grounds of Acton Athletic Association command the attention and admiration of all who pass. Visitors from the trains and motorists driving through on the highway are impressed with the fine tennis courts and the bowling greens now freely patronized afternoons and evenings.

Advertisements—Do not feed cream to calves. It is too expensive—yet many farmers feed 20 to 40 cents worth every day without knowing it—simply because their old cream separator does not skim closely and leaves cream in the milk. Cream does not fatten calves—but the sugar and starch in the skim milk does. Feed them skim milk and calf meal at ten cents a pound, not cream at forty.

Thirty cents worth of cream wasted a day amounts to \$109.50 in one year and since the average life of a Melotte is twenty years, it would save you, on this basis, \$2,190.00. Start saving today by using a Melotte. —Ferguson Bros., Ballinafad, Phone Georgetown 95 r 6.

75 years ago

Taken from the issue of the Free Press, May 10, 1900.

Mr. J. C. Matthews is the most successful angler of the season in local waters. Tuesday afternoon he landed a speckled trout at Henderson's pond 14 1/2 inches long and weighing 23 ounces. Later, Mr. D. M. Henderson has since caught a speckled beauty in the same pond which tipped the scales at 28 ounces.

Rev. W. S. McAlpine, B.A. was honored on Monday with election to the Presidency of McMaster University Alumni Association. The Free Press has pleasure in extending congratulations upon the conferring of this mark of esteem and recognition of ability.

On May 28, the total eclipse, to which astronomers have for a very long time been looking forward will take place. In this section the shadow will cover over four-fifths of the surface of the sun.

The convention of the W.F.M. Society, of Guelph District of the Methodist Church, will be held in Dublin Street Church, on Thursday. A returned missionary from China will address the meetings. Mrs. Thomas Eason and James Brown will attend from Acton.

The wagon from Floral View Greenhouses, Georgetown, will visit Acton twice a week. Give your orders to the driver and have your plants delivered at your door.

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