

# Free Press Editorial Page

## Thanks in advance

The first of July is one of those holidays that's supposed to be celebrated on the actual date, like Christmas, Good Friday and New Year's Day. But there's a lot of confusion, and various industries and stores are making their own arrangements.

The program will be bigger and better than ever this year, with a full day of activities.

Thanks in advance to the group who are arranging a terrific day for everybody.

## A chance to donate

Let's look forward to a good turnout at the blood donor clinic next Monday. It's being arranged by a local group of volunteers, headed by Henry Kroes, for the Red Cross. They are urging everyone to attend.

last donation must be about three months ago and no one may give more than four donations a year.

No donations should be given during pregnancy, and you must be well recovered from colds, flu or boils.

There hasn't been a blood donor clinic here for some time now. People wishing to donate have been welcomed at the Red Cross clinic in Georgetown.

Don't take drugs before going to donate blood, not even aspirin. After you have taken aspirin, blood platelets lose their function to stop bleeding.

But now we have our own again. Let's make it a success!

You're out of the running as a donor if you have hepatitis, heart disease, epilepsy, cancer or have had a stroke.

The organizers have passed on a few regulations which should be known by potential donors.

If you're wondering, go to the clinic and ask the technician or nurse.

Minimum weight is 110 pounds, minimum age 17 for males and 18 for females, maximum age 65. The

All donors are very much needed.

## Watch for each other

Last Friday marked the last day of school for the 1974-75 year for Acton elementary and secondary school children until September.

street, and the biker still looks annoyed. Little is thought of what would happen if the motorist were going faster and could not go around the child because of an oncoming car. Teenagers and even adults are also guilty of glaring at motorists.

With the summer vacation come children playing in the streets at all times of the day. With this come the unexpected balls flying out onto the streets, children darting out from between parked cars, and bicycles riding side by side.

So, motorists, slow down, be aware. But children and teenagers, obey the rules. You don't own the road any more than the driver does. And he can hurt you a lot more with his car than you can hurt him with your bike or ball.

As usual the motorists are asked to be on constant guard for such things.

However, the children should also be made aware of the fact the drivers need time for their bodies to do what their minds say, and it takes valuable time to even notice the unexpected in the first place. Motorists cannot read minds.

### Discouraged

With governments preaching restraint, it's encouraging to see that the proposal to send eight regional councillors and two works staff members to New Orleans for a convention, was roundly discouraged at the regional council meeting. The final outcome of the idea is still uncertain, but obviously the majority of councillors weren't happy with the idea of such a large contingent to the American city.

## Ottawa Report

By Dr. Frank Philbrook  
HALTON MP



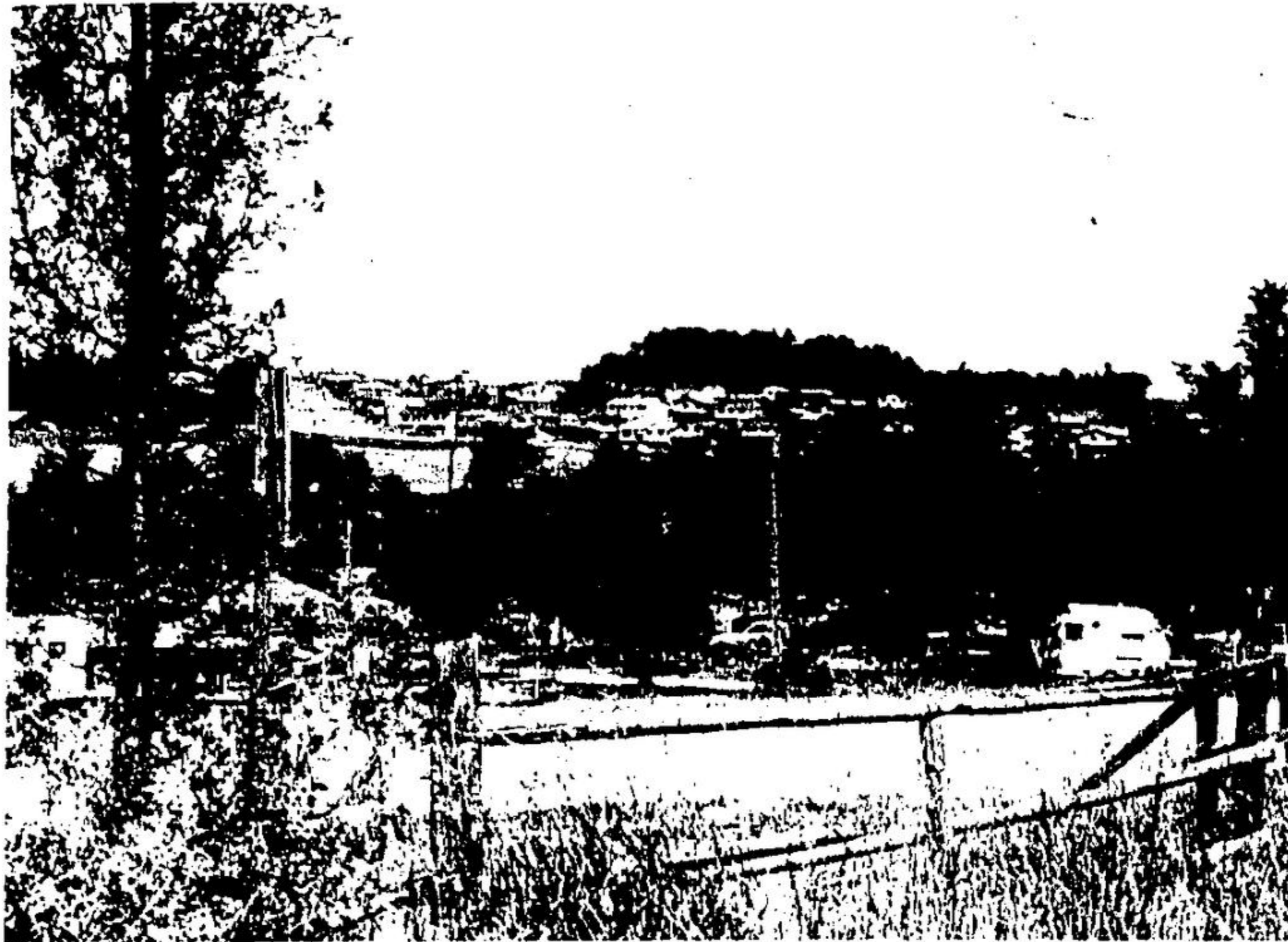
June has been an especially active month in the riding of Halton and I have been at once both hard-pressed to find the time and delighted as well to attend the many events that have been held in the communities throughout the riding. As I've mentioned in this letter before, these events give me the opportunity to get to know the riding even better and to meet many constituents.

Later that day, I attended a reception for a senior chartered bank executive and had a great opportunity to meet and talk with many businessmen. I was joined by Senator Keith Davey at the Halton riding's Liberal association annual meeting at which, by the way, a very community-minded and hard-working Walter Elliott was elected riding president. The following day, I met with students and teachers of Grade 13 at Oakville's Blakelock high school to discuss my first year as an M.P. and answer questions. I was surprised but happy with the quality of questions asked by the students. They were well-informed and well-prepared for the session and also struck me as being very keen to learn more about the national and international issues with which Canada is involved currently. Finally, I was up to Erin in the northern part of the riding last Saturday to attend the barbecue and dance for Bob Nixon and local provincial candidate Ted Sibbold, of Inglewood.

More recently, my wife, Midge, and I attended the annual lawn party for senior citizens at Centennial Manor in Milton. I was at the official opening of the Second annual Oakville downtown mall, and later in the day, officiated at the opening of the new senior citizens' apartments on Ontario Street in Milton. Through Central Mortgage and Housing, the federal government made \$786,000 available for these 59 apartment units which eventually will be expanded to 98 units.

The point of all this, as I indicated earlier, is that these events not only bring an M.P. into the many and varied aspects of the life we people of Halton live, but they also expose me to many people and give me—and them—an opportunity to talk and discuss our current concerns.

Dr. F.A. Philbrook, M.P.  
Halton



PROGRESS IS A thing of the present as is illustrated by the comparison of the expanding subdivision against the nearby countryside. The contrast heightens the credibility of the town's growth as just a few years ago the area in the background was open fields, and is now cluttered with houses.



## Sugar and Spice

by bill smiley

One of the things I like about teaching is that you are not stuck with the same old stupid faces year after year, as you are in most jobs.

bumptious than bumper. Looks like a rough year ahead."

In teaching, you get a whole set of new stupid faces every year.

But some strange alchemy goes to work during the year, and by June, if you're lucky, those faces are no longer strangers, but a host of new friends and acquaintances.

They come in every September, an entire new gallery of mugs, and sit there looking at you. They look pretty dumb, like any other representative group of people, and you have a moment of despair.

You have discovered all kinds of things, in the give and take of the classroom, about these bodies, and now you know them as aspects of the human spirit, however blurred or bent, in some cases.

It doesn't help much when some of the faces are closed and sullen, and others are sneaky or insolent or just plain devised for hellery.

That girl with the big bust and bun and the pouty mouth, whom you registered as a Hot-Lips Houlihan type back in September, has turned out to be a sweet child

"Oh, boy! This is no bumper crop. More

who blushes if you ask her what time it is.

Conversely, that angelic, straight-looking girl with the big honest eyes and the good manners, whom you spotted as a potential prize student last fall, was hauled into court last winter for being drunk and disorderly, a nice way of saying she beat up two cops.

That little ratty guy with the dirty hair and the sides falling out of his sneakers, who looked like a refugee from a Dickensian orphanage, has proved himself a track star and a whiz in grammar.

Mouthy Mary, whose vocabulary would scorch the skull of a sailor, writes tender, lyric poetry.

Jeff, whom you put down as a hockey bum in January, who missed three days a week from exhaustion, has emerged, since the ice melted, as one of the most sensitive writers you've ever taught.

## OUR READERS WRITE:

### Food for thought

Dear Editor,

As a former teacher, a former supervisor for a design company and a published "hobby writer" it is my personal opinion that with sufficient public input the Halton Education News can be an effective communication vehicle from the Halton Board of Education to the community at large. Contributions from all schools in Halton County as well as topical submissions and feedback from lay people can, I believe, help to bridge what seems to me, an ever-widening gap in communications between the educational hierarchy and the people of Halton County; also, as a taxpayer, helping to maintain the publication of the paper financially, I think I have a personal investment in its contents and in how many copies end up in garbage cans throughout the county. With these thoughts in mind I volunteered my services to the Editorial Board of the Halton Education News in the summer of 1973.

sleatly present at the board meetings at the Central Administration Office in Burlington.

I have followed the media coverage of the various educational controversies in Halton county and elsewhere with concerned interest, but I have not joined any organization of parents because it is my viewpoint that the support of a group is not always necessary in order for a person to make a contribution to society; furthermore, I have never been contacted by any recognized group of parents re: the Halton Education News during my two years with the paper.

As the only lay person, it seems, representing all of Halton County in person at the meetings I attended, I would like your readers to consider this question: "With regard to the Halton Education News, where were all the concerned parents from September 1973 to June of 1975?"

Yours truly,  
(Mrs.) Margaret Lipsitt  
R.R. 1, Georgetown

Since then it appears to me that I have been the only lay person who has been phy-

### Enjoy seeing ball games

The Editor, Free Press, Acton

Dear Sir:  
I enjoyed very much the ball game on the Rockwood school diamond between the Erin girls robed in blue and our Rockwood lasses in red.

No doubt about it, Erin had some good batters. A small stripling of a girl could send that ball across the field.

Now if Rockwood had some batters like that,—"Practice makes perfect." I would like to see you play again after you get that practice. Good luck to both teams.

Yours truly,  
Millicent Milroy

I think the Erin girls had the best of it, but the home team played good team work, and had a good pitcher.

### Ma Bell and taxes

Ma Bell sent me a letter, 'Cause she loves me that's for sure. While the Government smacks a telephone tax To help to keep us poor.

Ma Bell tells me conversation, Will cost me more each day, The rates increase, to say my piece, My government makes me pay.

With all this dough collected, They still must borrow more, To entertain, while we complain, What the future has in store.

So, my big mouth costs me money, For the conversation glut, Without a sound, I must walk around, And keep my big mouth SHUT.

The guy who has a little dough, Will lose his shirt for sure, Oil prices soar around his door, Will make a rich man poor.

So I join the silent majority, Till we upset the boat, When the seas get rough, and we've had enough We'll all be asked to vote.

Victor Smith

And you keep track of your butterflies, as best you can. Here's a doctor who didn't know a danglin' particle from a ruptured appendix when you were trying to teach him Shakespeare. 10 years ago.

And there's a university professor, one of the swif, eager minds you touched on her way through the system.

John has become an artist, and is going to marry Trish, and you think it's a great match and hope the best for them, because you know them away back then, when they were kids.

And another John and a Bill are journalists, and Betty is a fine nurse, and Florence is going to be a lawyer, and Mike takes off your storm windows and Betty works in the travel agency and gives you the best of service and Pete is going to take you fishing to a special trout stream as soon as school is out and Rosemary has had four babies, everyone a beauty.

It's like pulling teeth to make them admit it, but most teachers become pretty fond of most of their students over the course of a year. A few of them, of course, only a mother could love.

I can think of no fate more horrible than being a teacher who doesn't like kids, and no better life than for one who does.

## The Free Press Back Issues

20 years ago

Taken from the issue of the Free Press June 16, 1955

Rev. and Mrs. Ralph Price, formerly of Acton, were hosts to Acton ministers and their families at the annual ministerial picnic last Friday, at their rectory in Fonthill in the Niagara peninsula.

While visiting in Vancouver recently Mrs. Pearl Kennedy was a dinner guest at the home of a friend there. One of the other guests was Norman Hacking. During the conversation, Mrs. Kennedy learned that Mr. Hacking was a grandson of the late Joseph Hacking who founded the Free Press in 1875.

Public school graduation ceremonies were held in the school auditorium on Monday evening when 52 grade eight pupils bid hail and farewell to their public school days. The Home and School Association feted the group with a banquet and short program. Speaker was Pastor R. H. Costerus of Acton Baptist church, who offered good advice in a chat sprinkled with light humor. The graduating class presented a picture to the school.

Vic Rumley told Acton Rotary club members about his trip to Bermuda at their meeting on Tuesday. Grant McDonald, formerly of Acton and now of Orangeville, was a guest at the meeting.

Two classes, with their teachers Mrs. Black and Miss Watkins, went on a hike on Wednesday afternoon.

50 years ago

Taken from the issue of the Free Press July 1, 1925

Beardmore & Co.'s annual picnic here on Saturday was as usual, the event of keen interest to the employees, their families and friends. The Toronto employees were conveyed in and from Acton by five huge new motor buses of the Toronto Transportation Commission and arrived in Acton about 10.45 a.m. Over 200 of the Toronto visitors were in the party.

Owing to Dominion Day coming on Wednesday, and it being an important public holiday the Free Press this week is issued a day earlier than the regular day of issue. It is interesting to note the first issue of Acton's paper appeared on Dominion Day—50 years ago today.

Mr. Robert Scott has commenced the manufacture of fine gloves of all descriptions for ladies and gentlemen. He is operating in the old Baptist church, Elgin St., and has already executed some very fine samples.

The fourth reunion of the Gunby family was held Saturday, June 27 at the old home-stead, Nelson Township where the grandparents settled 93 years ago, and now the residence of Burdett Gunby and his son William. Over 200 were present for the all day celebrations. William Ferris, Sr. of Lockport, N.Y. ably fulfilled the duties of chairman.

The congregation at Knox Church was asked for a contribution of \$400 on last Sunday to cover the cost of the recent decoration to the Sunday school and classrooms and for other special purposes.

75 years ago

Taken from the issue of the Free Press June 28, 1900

Owing to the epidemic of diphtheria and scarlet fever at Georgetown, and the large class of 21 candidates in Acton public school, Inspector Deacon and the education authorities arranged for the entrance examinations to be written here by the Acton and Limehouse pupils. The examination commenced yesterday and Mr. Wetherall, of Georgetown high school, is the presiding examiner.

Dr. C. I. Kelley, who succeeds Dr. F. J. R. Forster, arrived from Hamilton on Tuesday and is now getting settled at his residence on Frederick Street. Dr. Kelley comes highly recommended. He is an honor graduate of McGill University, Montreal, and a licentiate of the Society of Apothecaries of London, Eng. He will no doubt meet with success in the practice of his profession here.

Many improvements to the homes in town are in progress. Notably the residence of ex-Reeve Nicklin on Bower Avenue, and Mr. Angus Lawson on Agnes Street, have been transformed by the united efforts of carpenter and painter.

Percy G. Reif, of Esquesing, has been re-appointed by the County Council student at the O.A.C., Guelph.

Rev. Mr. McLeod, of Walkerton, late of the Disciples' College at Lexington, Ky., has been engaged as pastor of the Disciples' church for the present year. He is a good preacher and the people are well pleased with his ministrations. The Free Press welcomes him to Acton.

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