

### Got a spare certificate?

It came as a great surprise that Dills Printing was to be awarded a certificate for service to the bowling industry. A little praise is nice, so we quickly accepted. The red, white and blue framed certificate cites "Presented to Dills Printing and Publishing Co. Ltd. in grateful recognition for dedication and service to the bowling industry."

Ken Hulford, the general proprietor of Acton Bowling Lanes. He's the one who should get the credit. He writes the column in his own breezy way, and drops in regularly to tell us about anything special. We know Free Press readers enjoy the coverage. Bowling is in his blood, and every new season he seems filled with a new batch of enthusiasm. So the Bowling Proprietors "strike" the newspaper a certificate? We recommend a "spare" one for Ken!

### The less said the better?

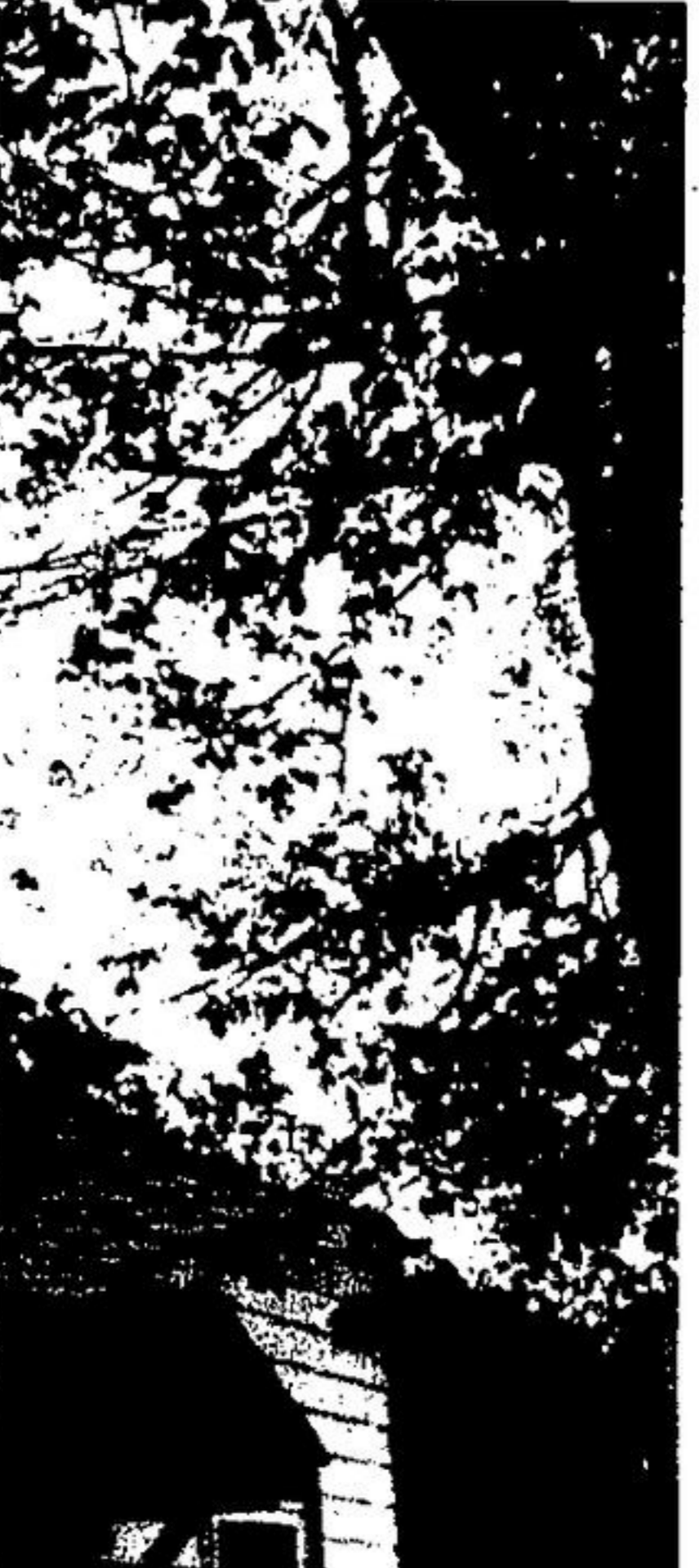
We reporters are always well aware of the fact that some public business is done at closed meetings and in other ways. The people never hear the details of decisions made by council or other elected bodies, although the decisions affect many. When this is well justified, especially when personalities are involved. At other times, it worries us. Now, the Financial Post says there are signs the federal government is going to be less secretive about its huge store of information. Says the Post: "Next month, for instance, a parliamentary committee is slated to review the rules governing the release of information collected by the government. It's about time. For too long the official attitude—both in Ottawa and in the provinces—toward the disclosure of what could and should be public information has been 'the less said the better.'"

can't be conducted in front of a television camera or in the presence of reporters. But much of the information collected by the government—especially studies and reports that have a direct bearing on policy decisions that will affect the lives of Canadians—should be kept confidential. "The penchant for secrecy is in part the result of a belief by government in the inherent inability of the public to understand. Only those in authority, according to this view, are equipped to interpret the government's information, so it is better not to expose the ordinary fellow to all those facts. "The only thing wrong with this theory is that those in authority do not have a monopoly on all the wisdom. There just isn't a whole lot wrong with exposing the taxpayers and voters outside those hallowed corridors of power to some of the facts that have been assembled for the decision-makers—before they make a decision."

### No need to panic

Warm weather and abundant rainfall—the perfect conditions for growing things; tomatoes, lettuce, fruit... and mosquitos. Because of these ideal conditions, Ontario is now experiencing one of the three biggest outbreaks of encephalitis in North America this year. Between 60 and 70 cases are suspected in Windsor; others in the Sarnia, St. Catharines and Welland areas. But in relation to the total population, these figures cannot be termed epidemic proportions. This word of comfort comes from Prof. Russell Wright, a University of Guelph entomologist. There is no need to panic, Prof. Wright assures us. Most people in these areas are not going to become infected. Healthy individuals, even if bitten by a transmitting mosquito, may suffer no more than a fever or headache. There are some 30 species of mosquitos in Ontario. Most do not carry the encephalitis arbovirus. Prof. Wright has been conducting research on biting flies, primarily on livestock, for four to five years. There are four major arthropod-borne viruses in North America which could affect Canada, reports Prof. Wright, although all are a greater threat in the U.S. Western encephalitis has been found in the prairies for a number of years, with suspected cases earlier this summer in Winnipeg. Eastern encephalitis has been reported only twice in Canada; the last time in 1971-72 in Quebec. The third group is St. Louis encephalitis, the type now found in the Windsor area. The fourth virus, the California group arbovirus, has been included

in Prof. Wright's research program this past year. Although no cases in this group have ever been reported in Ontario, Prof. Wright believes it does exist. But what about another outbreak next year? Even in the Windsor area, Prof. Wright says it is unlikely because of the special conditions it takes for the virus to be transmitted. However, he admits there is a need for more research. Those falling leaves



Never before have so many night school courses been offered in this district. In addition to the usual classes in town there are fascinating courses offered at Limehouse and Ballinafad. ++  
Next week is Fire Prevention week. About two-thirds of all fires happen in the home, so be particularly careful. Firefighters find they can blame many fires on carelessness, or lack of knowledge. Fire safety in your own homes is up to each person. As the firefighters say "Think about fire." Think a bit about it, and prevent it.

Warm, still days like Monday are perfect for leaf viewing. The gorgeous colorings line our streets and smother the hills. Some rainy day soon, the glorious leaves will fall under the weight of cold rain, and the trees will be bare. For the next seven long months. So feast your eyes while you can.

## Morris Saxe left his mark on province's business, farm life



Morris Saxe immigrated to Canada in 1902, at the age of 23. Born in Kiev, Russia, in 1879, he spent a short period of time in England before making Canada his home. One of his first jobs upon arriving in Canada was helping "clean up" the aftermath of the great Toronto fire of 1904. He originally settled at Acton and worked at the Acton Tanning Company for a number of years. It was during this time that Saxe became interested in the creamery business and took a course in butter-making at the Ontario Agricultural College in Guelph. Subsequently he opened the first creamery in Acton. The business was on Main Street, immediately north of the Main-Mill intersection on the east side. The Acton business flourished and by 1917 Morris Saxe had established a larger creamery in Georgetown and relocated here with his family. The "gray block" home still stands on Mill Street (formerly John) adjacent to the Georgetown Memorial Arena. The side lawn overlooks the Mill-Guelph Street intersection. Saxe chose this home not only because of its proximity to the creamery, but also because it was "half-way between the public and high schools" at this time. The Georgetown Creamery was situated on Guelph Street, in the building now occupied by Bob Phillip's Used Cars. Saxe not only bought cream from local farmers, but he also had buying stations all over Ontario. This underlines the fact the Georgetown was a great railroad minal. Georgetown Creamery, which was one of the first in this district had modern machinery, for the times, which included an ice-making machine. During the 1920's Saxe bought a revolutionary machine which was to be used in the manufacture of margarine, from a Scandinavian country. This equipment was never put to use as the federal government placed a ban on margarine! Fresh creamery butter was sold to local merchants and great quantities were shipped to the Toronto market. Saxe also



MORRIS SAXE 1879-1965

owned a tannery, knitting-needle firm and operated the first "moving-picture theatre" in Acton, during his business career in this area. Morris Saxe was an avid worker helping Jewish immigrants into Canada. On one of his farms, the old Eaton farm on Main Street south, Georgetown, he established an agricultural school to provide an opportunity for new immigrants to gain some knowledge of the agricultural situation in Canada. Many men left the "school" to work on Canadian farms when this type of labor was in dire need. Later, the school was transformed into The Canadian Jewish Farm School and was used as a training school for orphans from Poland. This scheme, however, collapsed during the depression years. Saxe was the founder and president of the Federation of Jewish Farmers of Ontario. He spoke several languages and

during World War I acted as an interpreter for the federal government. He was a founding member of the University Avenue Synagogue, in Toronto, which has formed part of the present Beth Tzedec Synagogue. Morris Saxe married his childhood sweetheart from Russia, Dora Gerzok, at Brantford on January 7, 1909. He died July 22, 1965, in Toronto where he had resided after selling business assets in Georgetown in 1953. His marriage resulted in the birth of five children: Mina, Pearl, David, Percy and Leona. Percy Saxe resides immediately south of Georgetown and is executive vice-president of the Oxford Picture Frame Company in Toronto. Morris Saxe's grandson, Stephen, presently operates a real estate business in Georgetown. Stephen's father David, was the local Dodge dealer until his death in 1951.



### Sugar and Spice by bill smiley

Last spring, while perusing about 80 applications for one job teaching English, I expressed sympathy for the young graduates of teachers' colleges, all set to go, wanting to be teachers, and scarcely a job in sight.

She couldn't believe it when I told her how much money she'd be making—about \$11,000 a year. "Migawo! I'm rich!" then we started to figure income tax, salary deductions for this and that, and cost of living. She won't even be well-to-do.

But the column brought a couple of interesting responses, which I haven't managed to get around to answering. Thought I'd do so now, as we are launched into a new year of teaching and learning.

Home Ec.? Again, I agree. We lost a young lady last June, because she had to move to the city. She had another job in two weeks. I don't know why they're scarce.

Miss M. A. Buck of Windsor, Ontario, read the column in the Tillsonburg News, and took issue with it, in a lady-like fashion and the most exquisite handwriting I've seen in years. She writes:

Technical teachers? Yes. There's a shortage. And a reason. About 15 years ago, quite a few technicians deserted their trades to enter teaching, not for more money, but for better working conditions, security—many reasons.

"Your have described the situation very well as it applies to the job market in the area of Secondary English; however, it concerns me that young people who are considering a career in teaching might think that there are no opportunities in teaching at all. This is far from true.

Over a decade they saw their former trades become more and more affluent, as wages went up and up, until the former electricians, mechanics, draftsmen, now teachers, were making considerably less as teachers than they would be as skilled workers, and with three times the tension. There are very few young technicians coming into teaching now. Who needs it, when he can make \$80 a day at his job, and leave it behind when he finishes work?

"There is a demand for Secondary teachers of Mathematics, Physics, Girls' Physical Education, Home Economics, Art, Music, Business and Secretarial subjects, and Technical areas. There are also excellent opportunities for those who wish to teach in the Public or Separate Elementary schools."

From F. W. Reinhold, Superintendent of Schools in the Fort Vermilion School Division, in the Peace River district of Alberta, came another missive.

Well, thanks, Miss Buck. This is heartening news. I don't know about the Maths and Physics. I doubt there's a "demand" for them, but there's always room for a good one.

Written at the end of last June, the letter says: "I read your article in the Brooks Bulletin re Tough Time for Teachers and am wondering if you are serious. There is no surplus of teachers in Western Canada. We still have 22 vacancies at the Elementary level and six at the junior-senior high level." Twenty-eight vacancies at the end of June. In one school district!

Art and Music teachers are sitting pretty. But only because they are scarce. Any dope can teach English, as I am frequently reminded, but few young people have the talent and training for the arts.

Mr. Reinhold enclosed a terse but shocking resume of his school board's attempt to staff its schools.

Girls' Phys. Ed., yes. Perhaps this is because of attrition. A lot of the younger ones get married and have babies. And it's tougher and tougher to put the girls over the hurdles with each year you put on yourself.

After extensive advertising in Alberta dailies, American newspapers, and listings with Manpower, here's the picture: December, 1974: Wrote to 15 first-semester graduates at University of Lethbridge expressing interest in hiring them. Not one replied to my letters.

Elizabeth Taylor, I am happy to say, will be able to make ends meet. And she has no need for a reunion with Richard Burton to do so. Liz is a young friend of ours, a contemporary of my daughter, and I nursed her through Grade 10, 12 and 13 English. She graduated last June as a Phys. Ed. teacher, and was hired by the first school she applied to.

February, 1975: Extensive advertising and Manpower (received 45 applications). Feb., 1975: Extensive advertising U. S. papers (approximately 400 applications received).

Feb., 1975: Conducted interviews U. of Calgary and U. of Alberta; 49 applicants interviewed. Three agreed to sign a contract.

May, 1975: 32 vacancies listed with Manpower. Two replies.

April and May: more advertising.

June, 1975: 40 vacancies listed with Manpower. Two replies.

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June, 1975: 40 vacancies. Only 54 applications were received from Canadian teachers.

Result: three accepted contracts; 30 accepted contracts elsewhere; seven will not accept a contract at this time; five are not suitable.

So, when he wrote, Fort Vermilion School Division was short 28 teachers for September.

I take back all my sympathy, for young teachers. (One of two things is obvious.)

Either the Fort Vermilion School Board is one of the worst in the world, which I doubt.

Or all you young idealists, of both sexes, don't really want to teach that much. You want a nice job, in a nice school, not too far from Mom and Dad, in the city or close to it, where you won't get your feet wet or your hands dirty, won't be too cold or too lonely.

Otherwise, you'd be up there in Peace River, getting the experience of your young lives and finding out what makes you tick.

Real greatness  
You... Did it ever occur to you that there is real greatness in you? Did it ever occur to you that this greatness awaits recognition — from you? Did it ever occur to you that you are your most important human being and that the famous people you read about in your newspaper are of no consequence compared to your importance to yourself? And, did it ever occur to you that in your uniqueness as a human being you have an uncommon potential, which you owe it to yourself to nurture, accepting yourself for what you are, refusing to model yourself on other people?  
—Maxwell Maltz  
from Psycho-cybernetics and Self-Fulfillment

## The Free Press Back Issues

20 years ago  
Taken from the issue of the

Free Press of Thursday, October 6, 1955.  
When Acton's first import store, The Holland Shop, opened on Saturday there were many customers interested in examining the stock of Dutch and Canadian goods. E. Huusman is the proprietor of the store and the clerk is his daughter Agnes. Although Milton High won the interschool field day held in Milton last Wednesday afternoon, Acton came out with some winners, too. Ruth Landsborough who took the junior girls' championship at the Acton field day took the junior championship again. Frank Cooper walked off with the intermediate boys championship and Bill Skilling tied for senior champ.  
Mrs. Robert Buckner told the Music Study group how music is effective in mental hospitals.  
The Billy Graham crusade was a magnificent sight for about 75 from Acton who journeyed to the Coliseum in Toronto by chartered bus Tuesday.  
Total number of night school registrations received was 112. Last year over 140 attended night school. Already full are the classes in millinery, aluminum tray etching, oil painting, ceramics and leather carving. More can be accepted in sewing, upholstery, leather embossing.  
Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Adamson were married at St. Patrick's church, Toronto. She is the former Edra Pendergast.  
Religious instruction started at the public school on Monday. There will be two complete terms of lessons with examinations.  
Three record books of the early history of Ebenezer church were turned over to W. Sinn at the 133rd church anniversary. The books show the beginning of Methodism in upper Nassagaweya when Ebenezer was known as the Canadian Wesley and Methodist New Connexion Church.

## 50 years ago

Taken from the issue of the Free Press of October 8, 1925.  
Improvements continue to be made on Mill Street in renovating and bringing up-to-date the store fronts and repairing buildings and putting in new fronts with constant regularity until our main business street has one of the finest appearances of any town of similar size.  
Knox Manse was the scene of a quiet wedding on Wednesday, September 30, when Elsie Mae, only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. Lappin was united in marriage to Mr. Robert A. Johnson, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Johnson, Milton. The Rev. A. C. Stewart officiated.  
Little Isabella Bruce, eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Bruce was taken to Guelph Hospital last Friday for treatment and is now reported as making good progress toward recovery.  
The regular meeting of the Acton Women's Institute was held in the band hall on Friday, October 2, with the president, Mrs. James Dobbie, in the chair. The meeting opened by the singing of the Institute Carol.  
Rev. R. E. and Mrs. Zimmerman and children are in Hamilton this week, where Mr. Zimmerman is attending the sessions of the first meeting of the Hamilton Conference of the United Church.  
Mr. W. H. Speight, who fractured his leg above the knee by a fall about a month ago in the factory of the Canadian General Electric Co., Toronto, where he is employed, is making splendid progress toward recovery. He is still in the Orthopedic Hospital.

## 75 years ago

Taken from the issue of the Free Press of Thursday, October 4, 1900.  
Electrician Melitz is keeping busy these days putting in new electric lighting services. During the past week the Commercial Hotel, Matthews Hall and W. H. Storey and Son factory have been installed. The morning service will commence in about 10 days. In order to accommodate a number of early risers during the fair the light was turned on at six this morning and will be again tomorrow.  
The W.C.T.U. will shortly give their attention to curtailing the sale of cigarettes in town.  
The Canada Glove Works has been working overtime the past few days.  
Pupils roll of honor for September examinations includes Arthur Kennet, Ruby Clark, Lottie Moore, Ralston Brown, Ida Laird, Myrtle Matthews, Charles Matthews, Merle Frick, Adah Clark, Florrie Speight, A. M. McPherson, Gertrude Johnston, Daisy Folster.  
Great preparations are underway for the great fair at Rockwood on Tuesday and Wednesday.

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