



John Root . . .

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lives in a lovely old farmhouse of historic note. It was built in 1865 of brick manufactured across the road on the Awrey farm. It is filled with Canadiana representative of life in Ontario over the past 150 years. All will one day be bequeathed to the Royal Ontario Museum for the enjoyment and education of others.

Mr. Root takes lots of satisfaction in looking back. The most memorable occasion for him in the 23 years he served the people of Wellington-Dufferin was the day he first took his seat in the legislature after campaigning in four elections, the first three times unsuccessfully. Actually he was the first member of his party ever to be elected in his riding, a traditional Liberal stronghold.

First speech

In his first speech in the legislature in 1952, he stressed the need for pioneer villages to keep the story of the development of the province alive and urged the development of more water reservoirs to preserve our natural heritage. Subsequently Upper Canada Village and others of its kind were started and John Root, after three years in the cabinet as minister without portfolio, became chairman of the Ontario Water Resources Commission and later first chairman of the Environment Hearing Board.

John Root has promoted the decentralization of population and its concomitant industries. He advocated the building of traffic arteries into the north so that industries presently housed in the large urban areas of southern Ontario could be relocated there to discharge their waste into the Arctic.

Like the late George Drew whom he admires as the greatest contributor to Ontario and Canada of anyone in the last century, Mr. Root feels that government should create a climate for people to manage their own

affairs and get a reasonable return for their efforts and investments.

Ontario grows

Over the past quarter century during his terms in the legislature he has seen this province's population increase tremendously. He enumerates with justifiable pleasure the achievements of the governments in which he served. In his own constituency during this period he has seen every mile of highway built or rebuilt with the exception of Highway 7 between Acton and Guelph which is to be undertaken shortly and was promised before his retirement.

From 19 per cent electrification in Dufferin and 25 per cent in Wellington in the forties, he has seen both counties progress to total rural electrification.

Larger schools

While in office he saw the one-room school give way to larger schools providing better educational facilities. This in turn resulted in increased job opportunities which led to greater earning power for the majority.

Through his efforts also pensions were obtained for widows at a reduced age so that the family unit might be kept intact and its members out of institutions.

Capital grants to agriculture tied to projects that stayed with a farm were introduced during his tenure and have done much to make Ontario agriculture more effective.

In retrospect, though he is proud of his contribution to his people, his province and his country, John Root has never lost sight of the fact that the seat he held in the legislature did not belong to him but to the voters of Wellington-Dufferin constituency. These he has served devotedly.

A truly progressive conservative he has kept faith with his forebears as well as with the future.

Club members' armchair trip

Members of Acton Golden Age Club were taken on an armchair visit to the East coast and various stops along the way, courtesy of Mrs. Isabel McDonald, who also provided the commentary; several pictures were also shown of Acton Fair parade.

Mrs. Gladys Davidson sang two numbers, accompanied by Mrs. A. Mann. "I'll take you home again, Kathleen," and "Bless this House," Mrs. L. Dennis had an amusing reading, "A letter to a friend."

Mrs. W. McIntyre was chairlady for the variety program.

The president, R. L. Davidson presided and welcomed two new members.

Christmas

The Christmas dinner, courtesy of the Canadian Legion and Rotary Club was announced for November 25. The Fall Rally of Zone 13 Senior Citizens is being held

November 13 at the Canadian Legion in Acton.

Mrs. E. Near, Mrs. L. Dennis and David Robertson were named as nominating committee, to bring in a slate of officers for 1976.

Mrs. Price, of "Friends in Need" invited all to attend a Fun and Games night on Tuesday evening.

Birthday greetings were for Les Graham and J. B. Watkins.

Fruit bread and cheese, along with a cup of tea concluded another pleasant evening.

Gas gone

Halton Regional Police are investigating the theft of 65 gallons of gas from three trucks parked at a Stewarttown store, during the past week.

50 estate homes planned Dragway changes hands

The dragstrip property, proposed for estate homes has changed hands. Medallion Estates, with principals Tom Reed and Bob Cooper sold the 145 acres, between the Fifth and Sixth Line, north of Highway 7 to Lyncon Investments Ltd.

Lyncon Investments is headed by Murray Gruson, who has just received final clearance to build 139 townhouses on Mountainview Road.

Bob Clipsham, consulting engineer, presented a revised plan showing 50 lots, one more than the previous plan, with a different road pattern.

The road will be boulevarded leaving the large trees in the centre. The cul-de-sac roads have been reduced to conform to the wishes of council, who foresaw snow-ploughing problems.

The original plan was given approval in principle in January.

Councillor Roy Booth said some members of council had been concerned about joint use driveways and cluster homes at the end of the cul-de-sacs.

Mr. Clipsham said that

out of the new plan. He explained the two parks had been made into one, and located nearer the entrance.

Planner Mario Venditti said he felt this design was an improvement on the earlier one.

Councillor Russ Miller agreed, saying the road would be easier to maintain and would offer better fire protection.

Councillor Joe Hurst suggested the surface water should be enclosed rather than running in open swales.

Councillor Roy Booth raised the question of two lots facing on the park, and the proposed curve on the road.

Mr. Clipsham said the road could be moved. He pointed out there are 16.5 acres of parkland included in the project, as well as five acres in the treed boulevard down the centre of the main road.

The planner said the extra lot in this plan would help cover the cost of paving part of the Fifth and Sixth Lines to avoid dust problems. He said the developer was paying for it.

Councillor Dick Howitt maintained any questions

should be pinned down now, and warned at a certain point the situation is irreversible.

Mayor Tom Hill pointed out the planner had approved the plan and asked "What's the use of having a planning department if nobody listens to them?" He said council asked the plan to come back because of mutual driveways and cluster homes. "Now these things have been done, what do you want?"

Howitt said he realized it was only his personal preference, but urged the board to get what they want while they are still in control of the situation.

Councillor Ric Morrow suggested the town obtain copies of the Caledon estate residential agreements. He claimed they did not know enough about such developments since this is the first one.

Mr. Gruson pointed out he could have gone ahead with the previous plan since it had been approved in principle, but felt the treed boulevard would improve the entrance.

He said the cluster homes at some points within 50 feet of each other would detract from homes on two acre lots, so he changed it.

The planning board sent the plan back to the planner who consulted with the developer and try to reroute the road around the park. Drainage problems will also be considered.



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Error is pointed out by rec. co-ordinator

Recreation co-ordinator John Cooper called the Free Press office on Thursday to say that an article appearing in last week's paper was slightly incorrect.

The story in question was on page one, entitled, "Unrest, accusations are hurled at meeting" and said "At the last meeting (Acton and Esqueping Recreation Advisory Committee) in early September, Mr. Cooper

had told the group he would have an advertisement placed in local newspapers asking for replacement for these people... (the people who had resigned from the Recreation Committee).

Mr. Cooper pointed out, when he called, that the committee made a recommendation to General Administration Committee, who in turn would pass it on to Council.

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Neighbors launch farm fire appeal

Brookville-area residents have launched an appeal for grain, hay and straw to help a neighbor whose barn was destroyed by fire on Thanksgiving Day.

The organizer said persons wishing to contribute may call her at home at 854-2369 anytime.

She said members of her group would arrange to pick up donations.

As well, Mrs. Leiterman said, volunteers are needed to contribute one day's work for a barn raising.

young couple have only owned the farm for one year, and had no crop insurance. Gail and Mark have two children.

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Sheridan cornerstone holds items of times

Sheridan College will hold a cornerstone ceremony at the new Brampton Campus site, southeast corner of Steeles Ave. and McLaughlin Rd. this Friday, Oct. 24 at 3 p.m.

Chairman of the Sheridan Board of Governors H. H. Hinton of Acton will officiate at the ceremony, while Premier William Davis is expected to lay the cornerstone.

Members of the board will be on hand in addition to President John M. Porter and other college officials.

Box in stone

A highlight of the ceremony will be a sealed airtight copper box, 18"x10" by 4" which will be placed inside the cornerstone. The box contains "items of the times" repre-

senting college activities, programs and student trends of today. Some of the items include college publications, community newspapers from Mississauga and Brampton and Sheridan post cards, a 1-foot ruler, an empty beer bottle, college button, a WHY NOT? button, and a most important uniform of the times, the seat from a pair of patch jeans.

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U.C.W. hold meeting

Unit 2 of the United Church Women held their meeting at Trinity, October 14. In the absence of Mrs. Lidkea and Mrs. Force, Mrs. Veldhuis took the chair and opened with a Thanksgiving poem. Mrs. Shoemaker had charge of devotions and Mrs. Brook read Scripture.

Several ladies went to Georgetown to a work meeting on stewardship - Your Whole Life. Mrs. Comfort and Miss Simmons sang a lovely hymn In the Garden.

A note of thanks was read from Mr. and Mrs. D. H. Lindsay following the dedication of the carillon.

A quantity of new dishes has been ordered.

Mrs. Shoemaker gave her sick and shut-in report, 22 house calls, two hospital calls. Seventeen answered roll call. A special half-hour was spent over lunch.

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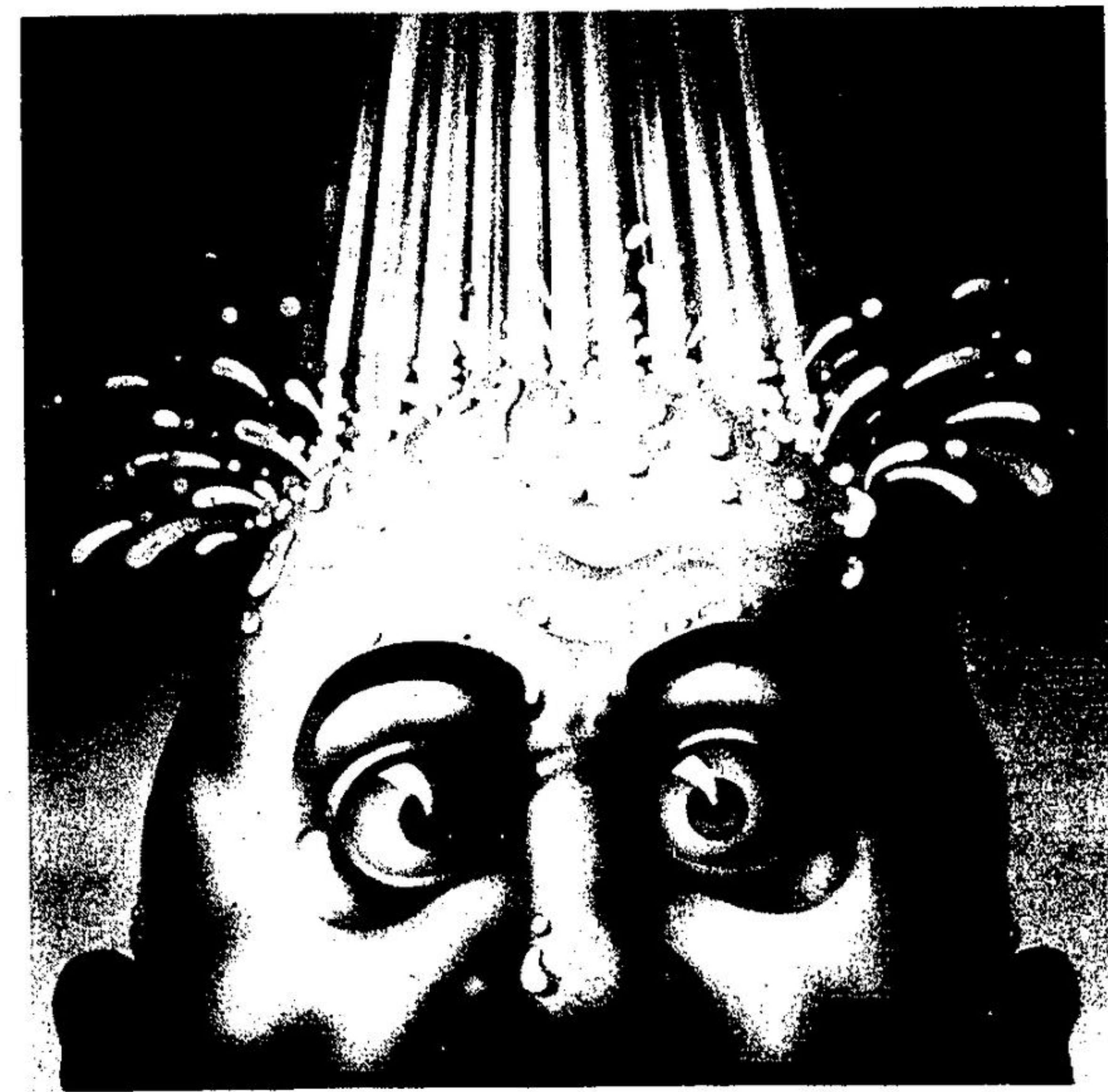
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