

# Free Press Editorial Page

## The more we get together

Knox church members were delighted to find their church so full Sunday night, that the doors into the Sunday School room had to be opened to accommodate the crowd. Many had come from other churches and from out-of-town to hear the popular group of musical ministers, the Lost and Found Department.

At the same time, at the other end of town, 450 attended the concert in the high school auditorium enjoying the program presented by about 150 young people from

several schools.

It's great to have such large crowds out for special events.

One senior member of Knox church says the crowd reminded him of church anniversaries of years ago. Then, neighboring churches would always cancel their evening services and many would attend the special event in the celebrating church. Nowadays there aren't as many occasions when people of different denominations gather together in one church. Sunday was a happy exception.

## Public meeting tonight

Tonight is the time to meet the candidates at the community gathering in the M. Z. Bennett school.

Election signs and literature are everywhere, and there should be plenty of interest in the first municipal election in three years. With smaller representation on council the choice for Acton and Esquesing voters is even more important.

Acton has three voices now, where we used to have nine on Acton town council.

Esquesing also has three seats, where the township council formerly had seven members.

People should consider carefully whom they are going to choose. Tonight is the night to meet them all.

## A grammar lesson

Here's your community newspaper with another community service. We heard about all those young people who—according to some—can't write sentences properly.

We don't write so good ourselves, neither, some times. Anyways, here are the rules Kay, Eric and Helen seen in another newspaper.

1. Each pronoun should agree with their antecedent.
2. Just between you and I, case is important.
3. Verbs has to agree with their subjects.
4. Watch out for irregular verbs which have crope into the language.
5. Don't use double negatives. Not never.
6. A writer should not shift your point of view.
7. Don't write a run-on sentence you have got to punctuate it.
8. About sentence fragments.
9. In articles and stuff like that

we use commas to keep things apart without which we would have without doubt confusion.

10. But, don't use, commas, which are not necessary.
11. Its important to use you're apostrophe's correctly.
12. Don't abbreviate unless nec.
13. Check carefully to if you any words out.
14. In my opinion, I think that an author when he is writing something should not get accustomed to the habit of making use of too many redundant unnecessary words that he does not actually really need in order to put his message across to the reader of the article.
15. About repetition, the repetition of a word is not usually effective repetition.
16. As far as incomplete constructions, they are wrong.
17. Spel correctkly.
18. Last but not least, knock off the cliches.

## Of this and that

Sidewalk superintendents are enjoying watching the curbs-making machine. Guided by a line, the cement mixer pours out a ready moulded curb. It's a new-fangled invention, alrightee.

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A welcome back to Ken Hulford, who is resuming his bowling column after a bout in hospital.

Winter descended earlier than usual this year after a damp summer.

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This is our second winter by way of Celsius.

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If Canada's climate is "healthy", as people often say, how come so many people are sick when the snow flies?



SEVERAL AWARDS WERE presented to Acton High School students by trustee Tom Watson at the school Thursday. Christine Arbic, front row centre received awards from Caroline Nurseries and Indusmin. She also shared with Sheila Cook and Diane Baginski the Ledger's IGA Scholarship. Mark Sawden was given the First Line Television Award, while Martin Osso received the Beardmore and Company Award. The

Acton Canadian Tire Corporation Award went to Peter Marquardt and the Nielsen's Clothing Prize was shared between Cheryl Springle and Bonnie Caplan. The Dr. L. Embrack Award was also split between Paula Kitching and John Hogenbirk. Gary Pickles won Denny's Insurance Prize. The Thompson Fuels Award went to Lesley Graham. Debbie Tuffin was given the Gal's Pal Ladies Award.



## Sugar and Spice

by bill smiley

I got to talking to a chap at the curling club the other evening. He seemed a pleasant, straight-forward, friendly sort of bloke and we bought each other a drink

"My name's Jake, Jake Sloan," he introduced himself. I reciprocated. Somehow the conversation got around to Canada's immigration policy, which seems to be disturbing a good many people these days. I asked him what he thought of it all.

"Oh, I got nothing against immigrants," he said, expansively. "The country needs them. I asked him why

"Well, we gotta have Chinese and Greeks to run the restaurants," he opined, "for one thing"

"Yes?"

"And we need the Japanese for market gardeners, and the Eytalians for construction work and running the fruit stores."

"Is that all?"

"Well, we need a lotta hunkies for the heavy work, like, you know, mines and longshoremen and all that."

"You have no prejudices then, about allowing people into this country?" I queried

"Absolutely none," he replied firmly. "We gotta have them West Indians so as people in Toronto can have domestic servants, and there'll be somebody to do the dirty work."

"How about Indians?" I asked.

"Well I kinda feel sorry for them. They were here first, but now they're all drunk or on welfare or both"

"Actually, I meant people from India, And Pakistan."

"Oh, them. Well, I'll tell ya. A little bitta them goes a long ways. They're all too well educated. They come here with nothing, and first thing you know, they're doctors and teachers and all like that, and taking jobs from our own people, and thinking they're as good as we are."

"How do you feel about Europeans?"

"Waddaya mean?"

"Well, you know, French, Hungarians, Poles, Czechs, Yugo-Slavs..."

"Oh, now, wait a minute. We got enough frogs already in this country. And them others, they're too smart. They come out here on a shoestring, and before you know it, they own 200 acres of prime tobacco land, or they turn into architects, or they own a shoe factory and boss a whole lot of real Canadians around."

"You haven't mentioned the Germans. We have a lot of them."

"Ya, the Krauts are O.K. They're clean and they're good workers. But you know what happens, eh? They save their money, and first thing you know, they've bought a summer cottage and live like kings, just

like they won the war, or something."

"I presume that you'd have no objections, then to a steady flow of immigrants from the U.K., English, Welsh, Scots, Irish?"

"Well, I wooden go that far. The Limeys are sorta hoity-toity, like they got a plum in their mouth. The Welsh can sing, but they're crazy. The Micks are either Catholics or drunks or both. And the Jocks are pushy peasants with an accent that would curdle your blood. And most of them Arabs might be awright, if they brought some of their oil money with them. I wooden mine being an Arab, you know," here punching me jovially with an elbow.

"Three or four wives, and I hear all ya gotta do to get a divorce is clap your hands three times and say 'I divorce you!' Priddy neat, eh?"

"How about the Portuguese," I asked rather desperately, "or the Arabs?"

"Well, now, the Portuguese tend to crowd together in the cities. They'd be O.K. if we had a sardine industry, or lotsa olive trees. But we ain't. A few of them Arabs might be awright, if they brought some of their oil money with them. I wooden mine being an Arab, you know," here punching me jovially with an elbow.

"I agreed it was priddy neat.

"You certainly seem to have an open mind about immigration," I suggested. "But if you were to become Minister of Immigration, to whom would you really open your arms? South America, perhaps?"

"No way. Them spics are always having revolutions and such. And half them can't speak any English. No, I'd like to see us throw wide open to Australians. They're pretty mouthy but they're good drinkers, like Canadians. And besides, they're so far away we wooden get many of them."

I shuddered.

"Next," he said, showing that he was in touch with world affairs, "I'd welcome a whole slew of them Rhodesians, if they hafta get outa their own country. They're white, good workers, and they know how to keep the blacks in their place. Just to make sure they didn't take a lot of good Canadian jobs," he chortled, "we could send them up to the Mackenzie River area to sort out the Indians and Eskimos."

It was getting on. I asked Jake, from a combination of curiosity and politeness, what his own ethnic background was, as I couldn't even imagine it.

"Oh, I'm a pure Canadian. My grandfather was Polish, and he married my grandmother, who was half Scotch, half Indian. My ole man changed our name from Slovinski to Sloan. We're third-generation Canadian."

I went home and washed out my brain with soap and water, and wondered, for not the first time, at my fellow Canadians.

## Some fare not fit

While parents continue to take great care about what their children eat, in their effort to have them grow into strong and healthy individuals, it seems that television gives these same children some

fare that is barely fit for human consumption.

More and more often, situations and words come from the television sets in the living room that parents would not normally put up with in their homes. Maintaining morality at home is becoming more difficult, television watchers are finding.

There are now more concerns than just whether the shows are too American, or too violent.

### Business biography

## Five years' work results in success

Second of a Series

Almost five years ago, Lorne Doberthien purchased Thompson Motors and has spent the last half a decade building his business to what it is now.

Prior to his purchasing what is today known as L & L Ford/Mercury, Mr. Doberthien was a district manager with Investors Syndicate for six years. He also worked for Bell Canada for 13 years.

Born and raised in Kitchener, Mr. Doberthien moved to Acton in 1956. It was here he met and married the former June Watkins, a lifelong resident of the area. The couple now have two daughters, Lisa, 10 and Leann, 8, whose names sparked the idea of L & L.

With business booming, Mr. Doberthien doesn't have too much time for hobbies, but he enjoys skiing and travelling around on his All Terrain vehicle any chance he can get.

Built business

There are now 14 employees working at the car dealership. They are booked days in advance for car repairs, but, Mr. Doberthien says, the mechanics can

always fit in emergency repairs. The rental and leasing end of the business has increased six or seven times to what it was in past years, and sometimes there are as many as 100 new used cars for sale. He explained that a lot of them are not on the car lot, but out at his farm on Highway 7.

His hard work in building the business has paid off in one respect. Awards and plaques cover the wall in the showroom, given by the Ford company for various accomplishments. L & L has won the Distinguished Dealer Achievement Award for Ford for three years running. The local dealership has also won awards and recognition for being number one in truck sales for this area.

Being the only new car sales dealership in town is another reason for booming business.

L & L is the only place in town where a person can wander through the Bobcats, Pintos and Mustangs without fear of being attacked by wild animals and horses. And that is only a few of the car-names on the lot.

**LORNE DOBERTHIEN, owner of L and L Ford Mercury, has lived in Acton for 20 years, but did not get around to opening his own business until February 1971.**

## OUR READERS WRITE:

### Segregation learned in home

As a person who has taught in both systems, I feel that I must reply to the letters appearing in the Free Press regarding a separate school being established in Acton.

The need for a separate school, has nothing to do with the battles of religion or a quest for power. These problems are not imposed upon our children by a separate school, but by the minds of adults. Adults must be very careful of their comments in the presence of children, so as not to create separateness and divide people from each other. For some people separateness is the answer, because we do care for our little ones.

It is not only Catholics who prefer to educate their children in the separate schools. Non-Catholics pay to have their children educated in this system, because among the objectives of the Separate School Board are: to teach Christian values and respect for everyone, as well as the religious education lesson. Some would say, this could be learned at their church, or in a religious education class integrated into the public system. No, many parents won't allow this. Also, the daily religion lesson, is

not the only reason for sending our children to separate schools. Religious teachings enter into other subjects and other parts of the day, when no formal teaching is being done. This would not be allowed in a public system. Teaching of moral values permeates the school day, thereby developing the child as a complete person.

Children do need an understanding of other religions, which they also receive in this system. For example: A grade four class visiting the synagogue during a series of lessons on Judaism. The curriculum includes the understanding and study of other religious groups and cultures.

It is easy to love those who are the same as you; your friends; your relatives; your class; your nationality or your religion. How much more difficult and more rewarding to show this love for someone who is different. When our children go out into the world, they will meet all people. Some will not be so easy to love. They will need to live with them all, hopefully in harmony.

Segregation is learned in the home, not in the schools.

Roemarie Pratt

## The Free Press Back Issues

### 20 years ago

Taken from the issue of the Free Press Thursday, November 22, 1956

A two car collision involving the vehicles of Frank Holmes, 208 MacDonalld Boulevard and Gary McFadden, 119 Guelph St., occurred at the intersection of Church and Main Streets late Friday evening of last week. Holmes suffered lacerations of the upper and lower lips while McFadden escaped without injury. Damage was estimated at \$700 to both vehicles.

The foundation was poured for the new Bank of Montreal building last Monday. The structure, rising on the Mill-Willow Street corner, will be of stone, brick and aluminum. It is expected that the building, begun last month, will be completed by January.

A straw stack was destroyed by fire on the Sprowl farm Sunday on Churchill Road south of Highway 7. The alarm was turned in by Mrs. Sprowl who noticed the fire in the field north of their home. Fire chief Newton, reported children had been seen playing in the field prior to the fire.

At a special meeting of Acton Council on Tuesday evening, the resignation of Assessor O. Lamb was accepted immediately and the clerk was authorized to advertise for applications for the position.

### 50 years ago

Taken from the issue of the Free Press, Thursday, November 25, 1926.

The Park Improvement committee, which has done such effective work in improving the park entrances, erecting offices and band stand and other features calculated to make the park more attractive and suitable for the purpose for which it is set apart, provided our citizens with a most enjoyable musical function last Wednesday evening. The concert was a decided success. Mr. A. B. Castwell, music teacher, Georgetown, was judge of the musical competitions.

Miss Ruth Gibson, who has won fine prestige as a soloist in the United church choir since her coming to Acton a few months ago, sang a solo, her sweet full soprano voice charming the ears of all her listeners. The sword dance and Highland Fling by Mona and Jack McGeachie delighted the audience.

Singing in the competing quartets were E. E. Knapp, C. Plank, F. Coles, L. Martin, J. Smith, R. Agnew, A. Mason, R. Spielvogel, F. Salt, J. Lewis, A. Jack, A. Mann, H. L. Harrison, F. McCleary, J. Rogers, Rev. P. Sawyer, H. McComb, C. Wilson, G. Masales, G. Simpson. Accompanists were Misses Fern Brown, Lauretta Gray and Jean Orr.

There is in Acton Continuation School a great depth of musical talent. At the second meeting of the Literary Society Marjorie Switzer played the piano and George Mason the saxophone. Meryl Grindell and Mac Stewart showed their natural histrionic ability. John McGeachie danced to the ready notes of the piano played by Miss Nephew.

### 100 years ago

Taken from the issue of the Free Press, Thursday, November 23, 1876.

The frame dwelling and lot at the corner of Agnes and John Sts. belonging to the late Samuel Worden was sold at auction yesterday for \$650. The purchaser was Mr. Angus Fletcher of Ballinafad. The price is considered a good one.

The Pardey Comedy Company advertised a performance for last evening, but there not being audience sufficient to warrant them in going on, the manager announced that he would postpone it until this evening. We think from what we have seen and heard that the company is well-worth patronage and have no hesitation in saying that we believe a very pleasing entertainment will be given. The play is the well-known temperance drama of Rip Van Winkle. Admission 15 cents, reserved seats 25 cents.

Mr. James Matthews has disposed of his grocery and crockery business to Mr. George Yemen, a young man who has been engaged in the store the past two years. Mr. Matthews retires from the mercantile line after a successful 22 years in the village and will hereafter confine his attention more strictly to the duties of postmaster, and general agency and conveyancing business.

The fiftieth anniversary of the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Peter Yemen was duly celebrated at Ballinafad. They were among the earliest settlers in this section of country. A large number of friends were present who spent a few hours in social intercourse. The young folk repaired to the residence of a granddaughter and enjoyed a few hours tripping the light fantastic toe.

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