

Letters to the editor

A few more memories

To the Editor:
Acton Free Press.

The article in last week's issue of the Free Press, Memories, Memories, brought back to mind a few other memories.

Hartley Coles didn't mention that he was often wrapped in a blanket to sleep on one of the benches in the corner under the moon in the old hall while his parents tripped the light fantastic. Babysitters were not heard of on those days unless Mother was available. In one occasion the genial Bob MacPherson, local police chief, watched over his buggy while having a game of checkers with Al Leishman. The popular Mason Orchestra provided music for most entertainments and dances, with Tommy Gibbons calling off.

There was the time the IOOE had a new floor laid at the price of \$500, and presented a grand opening ball with Ben Hoki and his orchestra providing the lifting music.

The quartet in great demand — Jim Smith (way down), Hay Agnew, R. Spielvogel and Vic Rumley was always welcome entertainment at any local concert. Shoe factory employees and friends presented a concert every spring which drew capacity audiences. Such local notable entertainers

as Ruth Gibson, Viola Waller, Lena Costello, Nellie Gibbons, "Tinky" Masales, Joe Witham, Ernie Coles, Charlie Landsborough, Sid Scriven, Bob O'Hara, Liz Patrick, Bert Kenyon, Frank Connelly, Rigby Cross, Harry Rigby and Ray Agnew provided glittering performances. Trimmer Coleman and his wife provided a duet on one occasion that drew a record of nine encores. Ed Sweeney, local sports enthusiast, was responsible for scenery and props, and office manager Fred McCleary was usually the genial chairman. This cast very often repeated the performance at the annual Oddfellows "At Home" with Murray MacDonald presiding.

Excellent three-act plays by St. Alban's dramatic club, under the direction of Rev. Sawyer, were also looked forward to.

There were the Sunday evening concerts presented by Acton Citizens' band under the capable direction of the late Messrs. John Hill and Amos Mason.

Acton, against the wishes of many citizens, was brought under regional government. Don't let them tear down this historic Town Hall.

Former Actonian.



IT'S A little hard to tell in the photo but this tulip has four flowers growing on the one stem. The oddity is growing in the front garden of Robert Smith, 221 Mason Blvd.

Day camp, playground planned for summer

Plans for the upcoming summer playgrounds are well underway with a few major changes.

This year, according to playground supervisor Rick Rocher, there will be a charge for children attending.

Mr. Rocher explained this fee is to alleviate costs of materials used in the playgrounds. One child will be charged \$7 for the summer, two children \$14 and three or more children of the same family will have to pay \$15.

There will also be no playground at Robert Little school, or Prospect Park. Mr. Rocher said that parents wishing playgrounds at the school are asked to state so at the time of registration. If there are enough interested people, a playground will be set up in this area. If not, all children will be required to attend playground at M. Z. Bennett school.

A grant for \$11,220 has been received by the recreation department to pay the costs of a day camp at Prospect Park. The grant was one of six Young Canada Works projects grants approved in Halton for this summer.

This camp will be different from the regular playground as it is run in four, two-week sessions. Children are not allowed to leave the camp area and registration is limited.

Each camp is limited to 60 children, who will be paying \$20 for the first child, \$35 for two children, and \$45 for three or more children of the same family, providing they register in the same session.

The camp program will provide children attending with enjoyable experiences in swimming, arts and crafts, campcraft, nature lore, canoeing, cookouts, sleepovers and special events. Children attending must have completed grade one or more but not exceed 12 years of age.

Camps run from July 4 to July 15, July 18 to July 29, August 2 to August 12 and August 15 to August 26.

Children are required to bring a lunch, bathing suit, towel and other camping attire, everyday, rain or shine, according to Mr. Rocher. A special camp bus will pick children up at design-

nated areas in town and take them back at night. Rural children must provide their own transportation to the bus stops.

Senior day camp leaders are Ellen Barkman and Colleen DeBruyn, both experienced in the day summer playgrounds. The other leaders are also experienced. They are Susan Mellor, Melanie Hardie, Nancy Shorthill, Carol Saxon, Karen Glenn and Lynda Shadbolt.

Special needs The playground for the special needs children will be integrated with the M. Z. Bennett playground this year, according to Mr. Rocher. Other playgrounds will be held at Limehouse and Speyside, half days only, and in Ballinafad. Leaders returning for another summer on the job are Jennifer Rowe, Bev Duval of M. Z. Bennett play-

ground, and Nancy South of Limehouse/Speyside, and Cyndy Anderson of Ballinafad. Playgrounds will commence July 4, and end August 12.

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Consider the alternatives

To Whom it may concern:
Re the demolition of the town hall to provide parking facilities for firemen and a new fire hall. It is my personal opinion that council should seriously consider other alternatives for these much needed facilities, such as purchasing property on the east side of the present building for parking and renovating the upstairs of the present building for firehall facilities.

It is my personal concern that these and other alternatives be considered before destroying a historical landmark that cannot be given monetary value only. Rea-

lizing these alternatives may involve a greater capital expenditure, and we are all concerned about cutting costs not increasing them; may I point out that the economy will improve and there will be more funds available; but during this time when economic concerns have first priority may we also pause and realize we will never have another opportunity to keep the existing town hall, which in my mind reflects our heritage and is a constant visual reminder of Acton in the town of Halton Hills.

Yours respectfully,
Marilyn C. Ottoway

Don't want vote — NDP

Since the provincial election was announced, Marion Chambers, NDP Candidate for Wellington-Dufferin-Peel, has been very busy canvassing, talking to the newspapers, and listening to the views of her electorate.

She says that the general feeling she has encountered, throughout the riding has been that the election is un-

necessary and costly. "Most people are disgusted with Bill Davis for calling it," she says.

Next week Marion will be just as busy. Amongst other things, she has a speaking engagement at Mayfield Secondary School and "Meet the Candidate" sessions planned in Alton, Belfountain and West Garafraxa.

A little maybe

During the election campaign we cannot promise to print letters to the editor dealing with the campaign since campaign workers are sometimes encouraged to be overzealous in their letter writing.

—The editor.

Names school friends

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Dear Sirs:
In a recent edition of the Free Press you published several photos of old school classes. As I attended those classes I can fill in a few of the blanks.

In the high school photo with Miss MacDonald as principal they are as follows: First row third from left—Ernie Broughton (I'm surprised at Bert Hinton forgetting his old scouting buddy), third from right Clifford Precious, second row—first girl Gwen Doble, the third and fourth girls are both named Isobel Smith, fifth girl Katherine McKeown. Third row: Wilfred McCachern, Wilbur Darnell.

In the Public School photo with Miss

Daisy Forster as teacher: in the third row second from the right, Tom Gibbons (no relation to the other family of Gibbons). They didn't stay too long in Acton after that picture was taken. Sorry, I can't help with any of the others.

My sojourn in Acton was from 1925 to 1929 when I moved to Toronto. I have occasionally visited the town since, my wife having relations there but I seldom meet any of my old school chums.

I have several other class photos of that vintage but I'd hesitate to send them through the mail.

If I'm ever in Acton I'll drop them off as the office if you'd care to use them.

Thanking you for a bit of nostalgia I remain,
Yours sincerely,
J.E. Broughton.

Sugar and Spice . . .

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That 90 pound 60-year-old lady who screams at the professional wrestler, "Stomp on him Killer!" is merely exercising her democratic right, and her hatred of her big, fat, overbearing husband.

That little pot bellied bald headed middle aged guy who is staring at the screen waving his beer and shouting "Hit him, Tiger!" is not a sadist. He's a good citizen, kind father, devoted husband.

He is merely remembering the time he was a scrawny runt, went over on his ankles and was always chosen last for a pickup game of hockey on the outdoor rink.

violence, a smattering of blood, and a few teeth knocked in, as long as they are somebody else's.

I guess in the long run we're a violent people. We don't throw Christians to the lions. We throw figurative tigers to the nominal Christians. Those of us who don't like it should move to Switzerland, where they don't fight wars, and have lousy hockey teams.

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