Positive thinking gives identity

The Editor, Acton Free Press. Dear Ms. Editor:

The Acton Free Press provides a valuable medium where the activities and issues of this town may be observed and weighed.

As a newcomer I have been watching the controversy over regional government from a relatively neutral position. I haven't had time yet to develop the traditionally defensive attitude toward Georgetown and have no inclination to acquire any permanent blas with respect to partisan politics. So perhaps my observations would add, at this time, a third and pragmatic point of view.

I have read both the Actonians for Acton brief to Darcy McKeough's ministry and also Pat McKenzie's letter (Free Press, Sep. 28) and realize that they come from separate poles. I find the specific facts and figures of the latter perfectly credible. One would have to shut his eyes to be unaware of the physical improvements to the business section alone; all of this since regionalization.

With respect to the brief, after making discounts for political partisanship and our human tendency to protest change per se, I find that I still seriously share with its authors their concern to maintain Acton's identity. It would be a real pity if this delightful town disappeared into the mists of Halton Hills.

But my concern about identity is somewhat different. As an incurable optimist I cannot believe that Acton, with all its vitality and people potential is about to expire. What worries me is who will determine the nature of this identification and will it be in the direction of notoriety or

dig in our heels or as a people on the move? We have in Acton all the necessary ingredients to build an identity that is beyond the constraints of prejudice. Our schools are first class and our young people second to none. We have flourishing sports organizations, active service clubs, strong churches. There is a healthy mix of rural traditions and urban perspectives.

The smallness of our minds in our greatest impediment. Let's expand them to include the possibility of a future Acton which is famous for its spirit of co-operation and for its creative achievements. Nothing can stand in the way for long of unified, positive thinking, not even regionalization.

And, of course, as long as we have our Acton Free Press (emphasis on the "Free") Acton will have an identity.

Sincerely, **Eldon Comfort** R.R. 4, Acton.



CONFIDENTIALLY. . . Becky Slipper and Santa share secrets Saturday.

St. John treasure hunt

Toronto Branch of St. John Ambulance is anxlous to hear from anyone who has pictures, newspaper clippings, uniforms or parts of uniforms, documents, or anything else relating to the activities of St. John Members from 1912 on, and anywhere in

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trudging,

Policemen have their thumbs in every pie. The Fuzz said, "No, you cannot gain ad-

Wehandle crime. Your problem's par-

And so it was! Twas plain by now to see So to the hospital in haste and trepidation Rushed Alice, where her pregnant situation Was rapidly assessed and she admitted, While 'cross Halton skies the stork-bird

And dropped his load, then called as he

And if by chance you run down on your luck, Beware of "Do-Good" groups who pass the

mother!" Could be, of course, in time within your

assistance

They'll all converge on you from any

LITTLE BROTHER.

But till that happy day, I fear you're bound To get from each the Merry Runaround. Good Luck, Kid!

To the Editors. Halton Newspapers.

I find it appropriate at this time to inform the citizens of Halton of recent developments in regard to some major complaints I have received from both the media and my constituents.

Taxation of Life Insurance Benefits

Last March's budget presented to the House of Commons by the then Minister of Finance, Honourable Donald Macdonald, contained provisions for taxation of life insurance benefits. Quite an uproar ensued and after many representations, from myself, the media, the insurance companies and other members on both sides of the House, I was pleased to note in Finance Minister Chretien's economic speech that these provisions had been removed. In response to an inquiry from my office, the Minister Indicated that the government had decided to withdraw this proposal pending further study.

Taxation of Policy Loans and Taxation of interest on Polley Loans however will go forward in Bill form as originally proposed.

Delays at Toronto International Airport In answer to another inquiry, the Minister of Transport informed me that the level of service at Malton has remained at or above that which existed prior to this summer's Air Traffic Controllers' strike. Delays were occurring because of too many aircrafts competing for the same airspace. Now, these delays are normally taken on the ground at the point of departure, thereby eliminating much of the congestion over

Every effort is being exerted at this time to ensure a level of service which is both safe and responsibe to the public need.

Yours sincerely, Dr. Frank A. Philbrook, Member of Parliament, Halton.

Thieves with tools, box

Halton Regional Police are investigating two counts of theft of over and one count of theft under \$200, all involving Hegans Auto Body, on Commerce Court.

The first case was reported parked at the shop overnight. by an R.R. 1, Acton man after

he noticed a large assortment of his tools were taken during a break and enter. Another employee also reported the theft of his tool box and tools, and a third employee reports the theft of a C.B. radio from a vehicle which had been

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Where were you then?

Box 125, Tara, Ont., Nov. 24, 1977

Editor Acton Free Press

Dear Editor: I enjoyed immensely reading "Wicked Willie's" letter to your Wednesday, Nov. 23 edition. I thought he'd faded away but thank goodness for some oldfashioned truth and honesty!

Another item really caught my eye in the account of the C.W.L. meeting held in St. Joseph's hall in which, after Mrs. Fernandez's speech, the good ladies are

seeking to be of assistance to the persons in her rest home.

Where were all you good souls, when my friend Mrs. Katharine Kelly operated the nursing home on Highway 25?

I recall with great fondness Bruce Shoemaker's mother and several other devoted christian ladies but I can't for the life of me recall any of the C.W.L. ladies, and I worked there for five years.

Where were you when the old people needed just a friendly little visit? Think about it.

Cheers Sheila O'Rourke

The merry run around

I'm sure there are still some people in our community who do not understand the reasons for attempting to develop a coordinated Human Services program like the Acton Community Services Centre.

Many people working to improve the delivery of social and health services, without increasing the cost, are saying STOP to adding more agencies and START doing a better job of co-ordinating the services we already have. (This is the centres' main obfective.)

The accompanying story of "Alice" indicates the problem. Some agencies are trying to help, but progress is slow.

Thank you for your strong editorial support of the Acton Community Services Centre and our goals.

I see the A.C.S. centre, District Health Council and Human Services Council as only initial steps in the 1000-mile journey. But with community support at least we are

Sincerely, Peter Marks, Chairman Community Services Centre Acton Community Service Centre

THE RUNAROUND Come, gather round me, friends, and lend

an ear; This tragic tale of woe you all must hear. 'Tis told to you with no ill-will or malice About a local school girl we'll call Alice. Her troubles started there. Oh what a

She pilfered lunches, gym strip, candy, Denied it all, and thought it very funny

When Family Court, in troubled consternation Just signed, and placed her on a year's

Probation gave her lots of time and rope, And Alice soon turned on with speed and

Hi-jacked a bus, got drunk, and tossed some Through store and school house windows -

fust for kicks. Before the Court her case came for review. The Judge exclaimed, "What shall we do

Reform School doesn't want to take you in; You're much too wild, too steeped in crime Suspended sentence; that's what you'll

Now, get the dickens out of here! .Please'

With wanton glee our Alice slid down-hill. Her next encounter was - why, yes! The

"I'll not get caught. I hear it's sure

Each daily dose I'll give my close at-She missed, of course, and that was sure as

protection

Then hear her yell, - "I'm late! I'm late! I'm late!" All hell broke loose at home, as you might

Her parents wrung their hands and cried in

"We tried our best! It really is a shame! There must be someone else whom we can Or somewhere we can go to seek assistance

For Alice, who does wrong with such persistence." They called the school. Explained the

Were told, "Get lost! Our job is Education! Try City Welfare." So they departed hence. No dice! "Why pick on us? You teach your

kid some sense. A visit to your church we'd recommend, Where prayers some spiritual help might

At church, the pastor told them not to

And promised prayers next Sunday would Then sent them off to visit Public Health -"Or better still, take Alice there herself."

The nurses there spied Alice - two chair spanning And shooed her and her folks to Family

Where members of that order said "we fear You're much too late for us to help, my

Your problems seem to us most elemental And should be solved by those in charge of

But Mental Health with that could not And said, "There's nothing wrong with you Go down to Manpower, but for goodness

sake don't mention That you're on dope, knocked up, and on

The Women's Auxiliary of the Metro Ontario.

If you can help, sent to Mrs. Sheila Kes-

So down to Manpower Alice went a-But told the truth! with not one fact

begrudging! "We don't give jobs to pregnant dopeheads, See! Be off! Be gone!! We'll call the R.C.M.P.!" Now, there's an outfit they could not pass

That Alice shortly would a mother be.

"Tell Mon to get your Welfare payments

And toss you like a ball from one to t'other. You want some proof of this? Go ask your

The "Friendly Helpers" will effect a

Then when the word gets round you need ...

And with United skills your problems AND THAT'S THE WAY IT SHOULD BE,

A Church St. W. girl reported she was babysitting

home. November 24.

Suspects

at the Main St. home and heard class breaking. She described one suspect as being five feet, seven inches, long brown hair wearing a green winter coat. One other suspect is described as being five ft. seven in.

Halton Regional Police

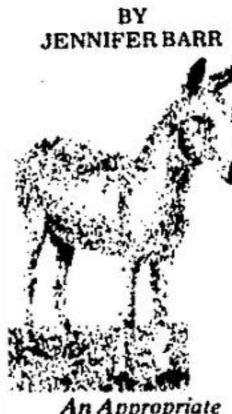
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one person suspected of

smashing two front porch

windows at a Main St. N.

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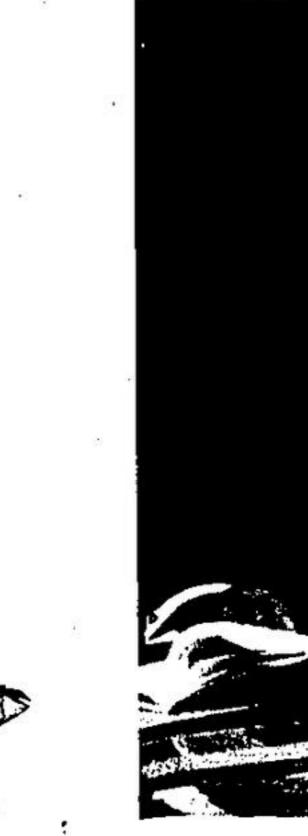
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from Mr. Snow in the near future. I extend a cordial invitation for you to join me and other officers of the company at the opening of this new branch on Saturday, December 3, 1977 at 11:00 a.m.

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