

Our readers write

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 bias 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 fame. Will we be known as defenders who 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,
Elden Comfort
R.R. 4, Acton.

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 old-fashioned 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 co-ordinated 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 objective.)

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 moving.

"I'll not get caught. I hear it's sure protection. Each daily dose I'll give my close attention."

She missed, of course, and that was sure as fate.

Then hear her yell, - "I'm late! I'm late! I'm late!"

All hell broke loose at home, as you might know.

Her parents wrung their hands and cried in woe.

"We tried our best! It really is a shame! There must be someone else whom we can blame!

Or somewhere we can go to seek assistance For Alice, who does wrong with such persistence."

They called the school. Explained the situation.

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 lend."

At church, the pastor told them not to grieve And promised prayers next Sunday would relieve.

Then sent them off to visit Public Health - "Or better still, take Alice there herself."

The nurses there spied Alice - two chair spinning

And shooed her and her folks to Family Planning.

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

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

But Mental Health with that could not agree,

And said, "There's nothing wrong with you that we can see.

Go down to Manpower, but for goodness sake don't mention That you're on dope, knocked up, and on suspension."

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 mess!
She pilfered lunches, gym strip, candy, money.
Denied it all, and thought it very funny
When Family Court, in troubled consternation
Just signed, and placed her on a year's probation.
Probation gave her lots of time and rope,
And Alice soon turned on with speed and dope,
Hi-jacked a bus, got drunk, and tossed some bricks
Through store and school house windows - just for kicks.
Before the Court her case came for review.
The Judge exclaimed, "What shall we do with you?"
Reform School doesn't want to take you in;
You're much too wild, too steeped in crime and sin.
Suspended sentence; that's what you'll receive.
Now, get the dickens out of here! Please leave!
With wanton glee our Alice slid down-hill.
Her next encounter was - why, yes! The Pill!

Northtown Ford Sales

6444 YONGE STREET, WILLOWDALE



GARY NEILSON

I have lived in the Milton area for 35 years. I have been employed at Northtown Ford Sales for the past 2 years. If you would like a real good deal on any Ford product new or used contact me at my home.

878-4812

or at the office 221-9381



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

St. John treasure hunt

The Women's Auxiliary of the Metro Toronto Branch of St. John Ambulance is anxious 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 Ontario.

If you can help, sent to Mrs. Sheila Kelleck c/o St. John Ambulance at 46 Wellesley Street East, Toronto, M4Y 1G5 or telephone (416) 923-8411.

So down to Manpower Alice went a-trudging,
But told the truth! with not one fact begrudging!
"We don't give jobs to pregnant dope-heads, See!
Be off! Be gone! We'll call the R.C.M.P.!"
Now, there's an outfit they could not pass by!

Policemen have their thumbs in every pie.
The Fuzz said, "No, you cannot gain admission.
We handle crime. Your problem's par-turition."

And so it was! Twas plain by now to see
That Alice shortly would a mother be.
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 flitted
And dropped his load, then called as he departed -
"Tell Mom to get your Welfare payments started."

And if by chance you run down on your luck,
Beware of "Do-Good" groups who pass the buck,
And toss you like a ball from one to t'other.
You want some proof of this? Go ask your mother!"
Could be, of course, in time within your range
The "Friendly Helpers" will effect a change.
Then when the word gets round you need assistance
They'll all converge on you from any distance
And with United skills your problems smother,
AND THAT'S THE WAY IT SHOULD BE,
LITTLE BROTHER.
But till that happy day, I fear you're bound
To get from each the Merry Runaround.
Good Luck, Kid!

Death tax rejected

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 Policy 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 Toronto.

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

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

Suspects

Halton Regional Police have a description of at least one person suspected of smashing two front porch windows at a Main St. N. home, November 24.

A Church St. W. girl reported she was babysitting at the Main St. home and heard glass 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.

"And The Lord Rode A Donkey"

BY JENNIFER BARR



An Appropriate Christmas Gift \$3.25 p.p.

Available from Pedahpun Publishing Box 113, Acton or Acton Free Press Smoke Shop Gift Cupboard Pine Chair

A message of importance to the residents of Milton, Acton, Georgetown, Campbellville and Hornby.



As Honorary Chairman of The Metropolitan Trust Company I am pleased to announce the opening of our newest office located at the Milton Mall, 55 Ontario Street South in Milton.

Metro Trust is a full service company which has expanded steadily since its inception by providing its clients with innovative, personal financial and trustee services of the highest quality.

Our new branch manager, Mr. Victor Snow, brings to the Milton branch many years of financial experience and is familiar with the needs of this area. I am sure you will be hearing more about the company 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.

Yours truly,

Roland Miron

The Metropolitan Trust Company

FRONTIER FLORIST & GARDEN CENTRE LTD.
"Guelph's Largest Flower Shop"
R.R. 2, Guelph
3 Miles West of Rockwood

FLORAL DESIGNS FOR ALL OCCASIONS

WE CARRY A LARGE SELECTION OF TROPICAL and FLOWERING PLANTS SPECIALISTS IN PERSONALIZED ARRANGEMENTS. FRESH, SILK and DRIED FLOWERS.

"3 Experienced Designers To Serve You"

Free Delivery in Guelph, Acton, Rockwood, Eden Mills

OPEN 7 DAYS A WEEK
Mon.-Thurs. 9-6 • Friday 9-9
Saturday 9-6 • Sunday 10-5

WE ARE AS CLOSE AS YOUR TELEPHONE
822-2361

HORSEMANSHIP CENTRE
ACTON'S MOST MODERN

"Whispering Pines Stables"

No. 25 HWY. 519-853-3609

- Serving the public with top boarding facilities
- Professional training services
- Indoor & outdoor arenas
- Stabling for 35 horses
- Individual & group riding instructions

HOME OF:

Trainer BOBBY KERR
TRAINING STABLES
*Training, conditioning & showing
*Pleasure - Reliance - All round
*Specializing in futurity horses
*Good show horses for sale

and

Owners BEN & GERRY MILLER
*Leo Lets AAAT - Horse of the year
*Holder of the new track record
*Barrel racing horses for sale

Les' GARAGE and 24 HOUR TOWING

★ We're Moving ★

NEXT DOOR TO

Achilles Motors
(Corner Churchill Road and Queen Street)

We are moving to offer you our customers, larger and modern garage facilities with new equipment for all mechanical service and general repairs!

Please Note that our Gas Bar and Snack Counter will remain at our Old Location, 341 Queen Street.

MAZDA
AUTHORIZED DEALER

853-0200