

Our readers write

Thanks for coverage

Mrs. Kay Dills, Editor
Acton Free Press
Dear Kay

Just a note to say "Thanks Heaps" for the terrific coverage you gave our Drama Club, before, during and after the performance of our play, "Our Gal Sal."
The coverage was a lot more than we had

ever hoped for and we feel it was a very big factor in the large turnout we had.

In a small town like this it's really neat to see our local newspaper supporting community events to the extent that you do.
Yours truly,
Willy De Jong,
Acton Drama Club
"The Pretenders"

O'Rourke blasts back

To The Editor:

I can not let Mr. Geo. Graham's letter in your Feb. 1st edition go unchallenged. In this letter he accuses me of quote (she) "failed to comment on all of my letter, I (Mr. Graham) take it for granted that she is a person that just wants to be heard and her desire to uphold the women's lib gives me (Mr. Graham) to know that she is not a world improver at heart", unquote.

Mr. Graham's letter commented on several of the priests who served St. Joseph's for many years. I, too, commented on those who made contributions and hold good memories for me.

I referred also to the many happy marriages, the modesty and decency that still prevail.

The only reference I made re Women's Lib was to the effect that the days when women were just their husband's chattels, and totally subservient to them is long gone and of that I heartily approve. I also added that "a man and wife should be equal in all ways, with neither having a dominant role, but totally supportive of each other."

Now, what in heaven's name is wrong with that?

Apparently Mr. Graham has an erroneous view of my character; I find this most disturbing, inasmuch as I had considered him a family friend. For the record,

Mr. Graham, I do not approve of abortion, homosexuality, extra-marital affairs, pornography, neglect of family or any of the evils that are so prevalent in the modern day society; any more than any decent, self-respecting person does.

But I do believe in equality of the sexes and also, in your own words, just a person that wants to be heard, is it not my right and privilege, as it is yours, to voice that opinion? You have no right to tell the world I am not a "world improver at heart." How do you know? Perhaps my contribution to the world is of as much value as yours. Kindly remember there is only one Judge who sees into every heart; and be a little more cautious in future snap judgments.

Thank God, I am blessed with a partner who shares my views on human equality.

Why Mr. Graham, I'll bet you refer to your wife as "the missus," but I wouldn't state that as a fact as the statements you found it necessary to make about me.

May I suggest, Mr. Graham, that you re-read my previous letter?

I took the trouble of reading yours three times, until I could control my indignation before answering.

Look into your own heart; before picking up the next stone.

Thank you, editor, for the space in your paper.

Sheila O'Rourke

Look forward to recovery

Mrs. Kay Dills,
Editor,
Acton Free Press:
Dear Mrs. Dills:

On January 29th last, we addressed a letter to you expressing our concern regarding the injury befalling Frank Toth of Acton, and proposed the establishment of a fund on his behalf.

Representatives of the Toth family have called on us and explained that, in their view, our suggestion was offensive and in the poorest taste because of personal principles which they prize dearly.

We regret that, as newcomers to your community, we did not think to find out what the family's feelings might be relative

to such a suggestion.

We apologize to all members of the Toth family, and ask them to recognize that the mistake we made was because of our concern for a member of their family, even though we had never met.

After having lived in various locales "coast-to-coast" over the past 30 years, we should have required no reminding that the well-intentioned newcomer can unwittingly cause hurt and discomfort.

We do continue to look forward to Frank's full recovery as quickly as possible and trust his family will view our interest as simple Christian concern.

Sincerely,
Doug & Lyla Luelo.

Thank you all

Mrs. Kay Dills,
Editor,
Acton Free Press
59 Willow Street
Acton

Dear Friends and Readers:

On behalf of Frank Toth and family I would like to thank you all for your thoughtfulfulness since Frank's serious accident.

I will be taking up your offers of rides to Guelph General Hospital in the weeks ahead. When Frank is allowed visitors, I would appreciate it if you go and visit him as often as possible to cheer him up.

Frank and I will appreciate this more than anything else.

Thank you all again,
Louise Toth and family.

Shopping in Acton

Dear Mr. van Merkestein:

After reading your letter in last week's Acton Free Press I felt I must make a comment. As a resident of Acton for most of my life, I have noticed the changes and improvements around town.

However I would like to hit on one area, namely grocery shopping. For the small stores that they are the prices and selection are satisfactory but the quality of the meats and produce are declining. I do not like returning bad meat to the stores as I have had to do on several occasions in two of the

three stores here in town. I realize that mistakes can be made and an occasional bad chop may turn up, but it shouldn't happen time and again. This is one reason why the larger stores are more attractive. I have never yet had to return any product to them.

I will continue to do most of my shopping in town as I am hoping to find some improvement in the quality of our food. I really hope this problem does not persist as I am basically pleased with various shops and merchants in our town.
Yours truly
Mrs. Mary Ann Chagnon

Urge withhold taxes

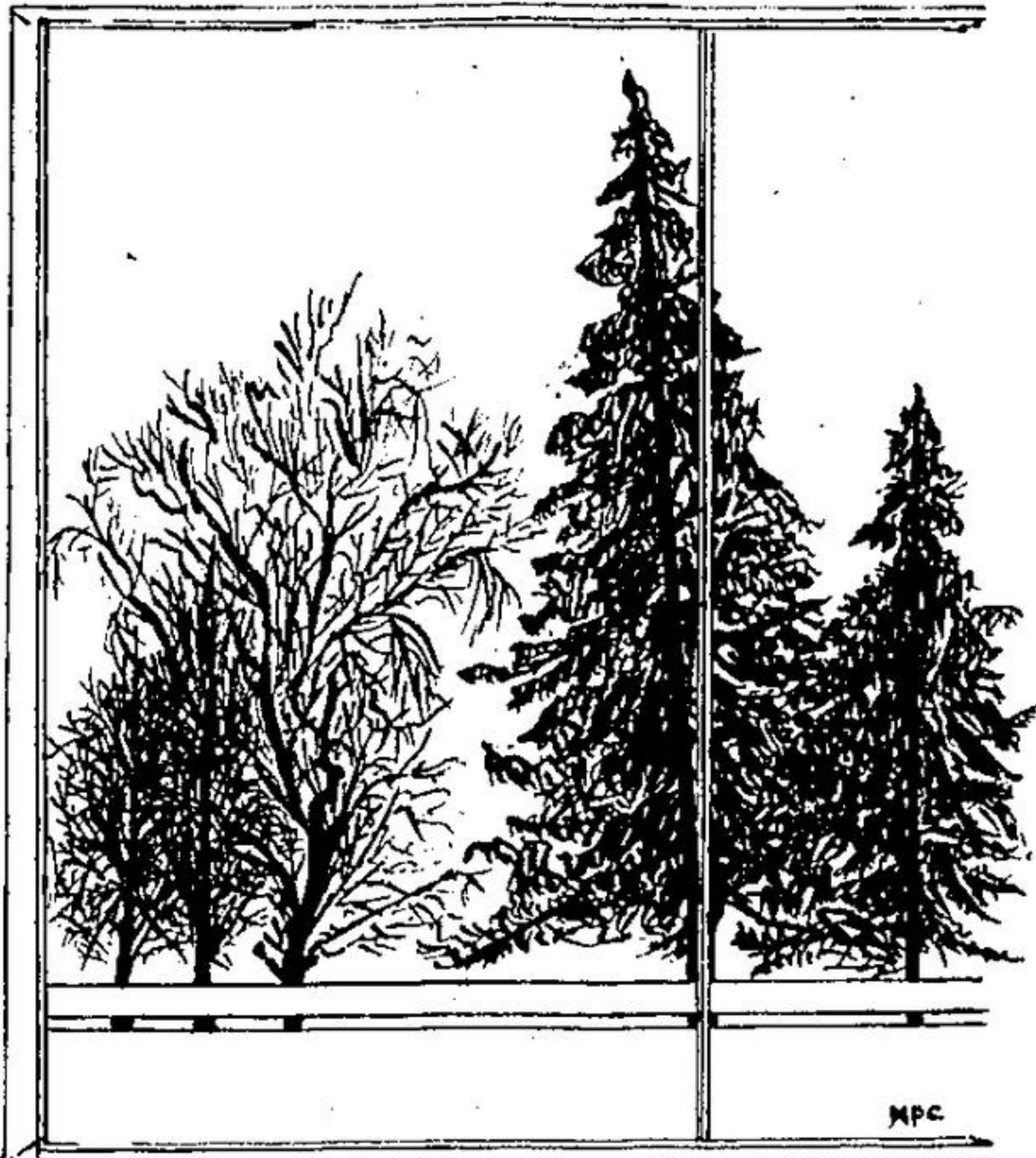
Dear Actonians:

Think before you pay your taxes!
The following form will be distributed within the next week and copies will soon be available in some stores. It is our understanding that taxes can be legally held for a period of three years.

Signed,
Cory van Merkestein

To Ontario treasurer Darcy McKeough,
Queen's Park
Dear Sir:

As a result of your recent decision to refuse a review of regional government pertaining to Acton, I (blank) will withhold my municipal taxes until such action takes place.



Hurricane and tree

The Editor, Acton Free Press
Re: "Hurricane Halton" and a lovely lodge-pole pine.

Located in the parking lot behind Maria Street's Noble Towers, this tree in early January stood so very straight that it lined up perfectly with the vertical frames of the apartment's back windows. It was a joy to behold.

But then came that great January blizzard, and the raging, gusting fierceness from which so many did not escape.

Now, in the wake of the storm, that tree is still a slim and lofty lodge-pole pine. But it is no longer lodge-pole straight. In fact, it has been left, as sketched, with a definite port side list of about six degrees. It will never be the same again.

According to the international Beaufort Scale, which numbers wind velocities from light air (No. 1) through breezes, gales and storms to hurricane force (No. 12), it is clear that the vicious winds experienced at that time, estimated by the weathermen to

have exceeded 100 miles per hour, must indeed qualify to be rated as a hurricane of full force intensity.

Number 12 on the Beaufort Scale represents a force of 65 knots. One knot equals roughly 1.1 miles per hour.

Sincerely,
Norman Courtney

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