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Don't legislate end of postal strike

While we fully realize this latest postal strike is costing businesses untold millions and will create many hardships for individuals through loss of income, solving this labor dispute by back to work legislation simply isn't the solution.

Labor problems in the post office have to be remedied once and for all, even if it means a strike which lasts all summer long.

There are two primary reasons why the government can't back down from the union simply to get the mail moving again.

Firstly, a postal settlement will have ripple effects through the entire economy, both public and private sectors. Secondly, if the post office has any chance of operating better as a crown corporation later this year the government can't put the system behind the eight ball again with an unrealistic settlement. Also, this is a legal strike so if the right to strike means anything it must continue until there's settlement.

Postal service disruptions have become so common in recent years that this one coming in a slightly slower business season, isn't hurting nearly as many companies. Business has become increasingly adept at insulating itself from the impact of postal strikes.

The government has the support of most Canadians in standing firm against union demands about items like 17 weeks paid maternity leave and other economically dangerous, precedent setting demands.

We also suspect the union hierarchy doesn't have the

staunch support of the majority of its members either.

Sure they are out on strike, but their hearts aren't in it, we believe. Many, many members, especially those outside the large centres where there are militant members, are only going along fearing colleague pressure. But eventually this false wall of solidarity should crack.

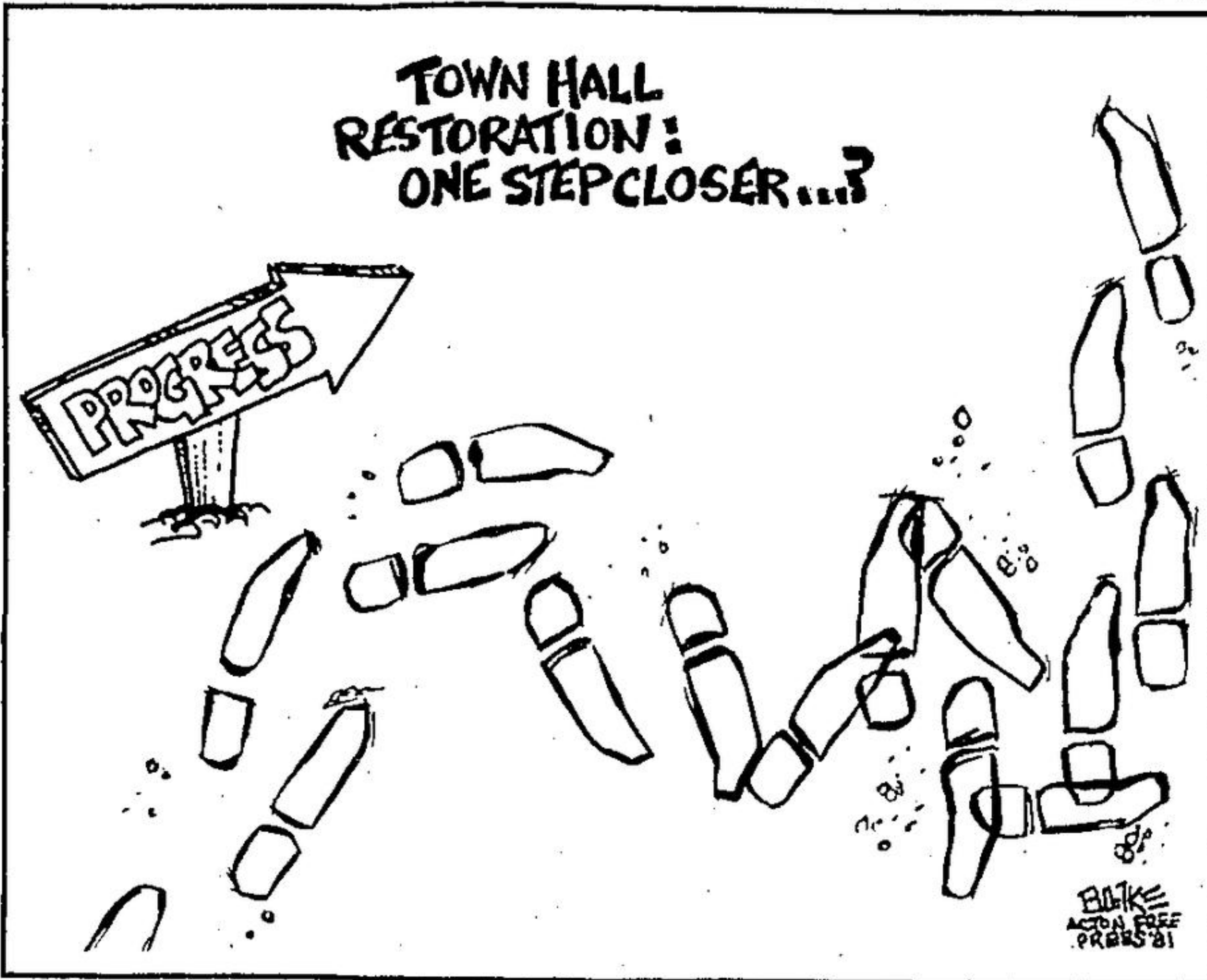
From everything we know about Ottawa's offer it seems fair. Of course when the two principles, Jean Claude Parrot and Treasury Board President Donald Johnston, won't even meet it's hard to get a clear picture of what is really happening.

As long as Parrot is willing to go to jail by defying back to work legislation again, the government can't use this tactic. It will only make a martyr of Parrot and make relations between the two sides even more strained.

From our admittedly outside view, it looks like the union leadership has made such great strides for its workers in recent years that to justify their existence they must make more and more outlandish demands at the bargaining table.

It's rare indeed that we back a stand of the present Liberal government, but in this case we think they're right to just sit the strike out and wait for the union to come to its senses.

In the long run fewer Canadians will be hurt by suffering through the strike than would be by giving in again to a union which can do considerable damage to an already sick economy.



On the Leavell

With Helen



All weddings are special to the people involved, and this Saturday's marriage of Helke Bollert and Jim Fawn is no exception.

But their's is extra special because it is also the golden wedding anniversary of Helke's grandparents, Eduard and Mathilde Witzak of Muehlheim-Ruhr Germany, who are visiting Acton for the day.

The original date of the wedding was set for the spring, but when the date had to be changed, Helke decided to be married on her grandparents 50th anniversary, July 18.

Helke is the daughter of Gus and Margot Bollert.

Also in town from Germany for the occasion are Helke's other grandparent Lina Bollert, Mrs. Bollert's brother Karl Witzak, his wife Emmi and their daughter Margot.

Welcome to all the visitors, and congratulations to the newlyweds, and the anniversary couple.

And speaking of anniversaries, Pete and Louise Papillon celebrated their 15th year of marriage Saturday. Congratulations.

And best wishes also got out to Mr. and Mrs. J. McNabb of Cobblehill Rd. who just marked 35 years together.

The village of Ballinfad was saddened to have to say goodbye to Rev. Dan Siles, of the United Church.

Boy, those Tobin girls sure do have all the luck. Cynthia Tobin won a trip for two to Las Vegas at the Milton Mall's Second Anniversary draw on the weekend.

Cynthia hopes to take her four day holiday on Labor Day weekend. Coincidentally, she leaves July 20 for Las Vegas, for the fifth time! She must be doing something right or she would never had returned the first time.

Cynthia's sister Gail Thompson won a trip for two to the Barbadoes a few years back. Gail was getting married, but wasn't going to take a honeymoon, that is until she entered CJOY radio's contest.

But I'm not jealous—I'm going to win the next Actario trip.

I need some support, and I need it soon. I hope to see an adult gymnastics program taught as a night school course at Acton High School, but I'll need at least 20 people who are willing to pay \$25 for a ten week course. It will be great exercise and great fun, if enough are interested.

Night school organizers need to know withing the next week if enough people would attend, as they are in the midst of organizing fall courses.

Anyone interested can call me at work at 853-2010 or home at 853-3224.

A group of students who started kindergarten together back in 1951, in Acton, have always kept in touch but over the years have moved to various parts of the country.

They had a reunion on Sunday at the home of Geraldine Calder Kentner in Georgetown. Those attending were: Mary Beth Elliott Currie, of Windsor; Lorraine Lasby Holeman of Carrot River, Saskatchewan, Janet Rognavald Taylor of Elliott Lake; Nancy Reid of Toronto; Dianne Angel Butler of Acton; Susan Heard Wheatley of Seaford, Ont.; Linda Parker Clark of Cambridge; and Gail Roszell Timmerman of Shelbourne.

Cliff Ashley, of 154 Tidy Ave., shot a hole in one recently on the ninth hole of Pike Lake Golf Course, Mount Forest. He hit it 140 yards. I'm lucky if I hit the ball 140 inches.

With the mail strike on, most of us don't bother to look in the mail box. However, last night (Tuesday) I spotted the regional water bills being delivered by hand and put in mail boxes. Just because you haven't looked in there for awhile doesn't entitle you not to have to pay your bill. Better check!

McKenzie-Smith and St. Joseph's graduates

Due to an oversight on the part of this paper, the names of the grade 8 students entering high school from McKenzie-Smith Middle School and St. Joseph's Catholic School were left out.

Well, better late than never: McKenzie-Smith graduates are:

Sonja Amstaeffer, Todd Andrews, Kelly Bogart, Peter Czarzar, Susan DeRouese, Leann Doberthien, Andrea Fagan, John Gardener, Steven Hall, Alan Higgins, Michelle Himeshazi, Stewart Hoy, Gaynor Jenkinson, Melanie Johnston, Tommy Jung, Julie Kurtz, Leah Marks, Shelley Mason, Kenneth McKee, Donald Miller, Tammy Nolan, Sally Paterson, Janet Reast, Eileen Richards, Pam Rose, Bart Soder, Sheryl Soper, Chris Stansbury, James Thatcher, Carolyn VandenAkker, Kelly Bannon, Lorna Barkosky, Michael Beerman, Tim Briggs, Lisa Cadenhead, Frank Ceccotti, Wayne Chappel, John Clarke, Doug Dorst, Tracey Dunbar, David Ellis, Lisa Gillis, Sean Haefner, Tiu Jago, Scott Kennedy, Jim Kwiatkowski, Mark Marchant, Jackie McMullen, Susan Mooten, Bill Morrison, Greg Muir, Susan Nadhaz, Susan Nemet, Heath Norton, Michael Ormsby, Bruce Raine, Mike Raine, Mark Ruppert, Wade Sheppard, Crystal Smith, Grant Smith, Helen Staley, Anthony Tillet, Betty Lou Yufford, Robert Walker, Tina Walker, John Waskalik, and Colleen Winters.

Nadine Balkind, Kris Dawkins, Diana Dunn, Tracey Frizzell, Veronika George, Tracey Halladay, Sean Healy, Gail Hughes, Bill Ingles, Jason Ingles, Steve Inotai, Marie Jaque, Karen Knott, Ken Kurplewell, Gretchen Lathrop, Joyce Loucks, Lisa McCrystal, Adam McGuin, Scott McStravick, Susan Moore, Michael Nellis, Jack Ninaber, Keith Olsen, Tracey Patterson, Scott Phelan, Stephanie Smith, Lori Steadman, Steve Wilson, Brad Youmans, Angella Allan, Janice Barton, Derek Boyle, Gillian Brain, Terry Danagher, Norman Foster, Tim Garton, Jackie Haynes, Kelly Hurl, Craig Johnson, Leahann Jarrett, Pat Knudsen, Cathy Kolozsvari, Diane Little, Richard Looser, Ted Moyses, Scott Nowlan, Cheryl O'Brien, Robbie Porle, Trevor Simms, Michael Stone, David Thomas, Darci Thornton, Tammy Tibbitts, Tony Vandam and Tanya Worsfold.

St. Joseph's grade 8 graduates are Pierre Agnes, Peggy Ancker, Max Barrett, Paul Barrett, James Brozic, Ginette Caisie, Liam Chalmers, Tina Cheroniak, Andrew Ferguson, Michel Fronteddu, Lynn Graham, Shelly Graham, Paula Gunn, Kim Hachey, Narvy Hinojosa, Lisa Krzyzik, Roberto Luisetto, Ken Morrison, Victoria Rodriguez, Shawn Taras, David van der Eyken, Nancy van der Eyken, and Thomas van der Eyken.

Back issues 10 years ago

July 14, 1971

North Halton OPP are continuing their investigation into a mystery fire and death on the former R.M. Steele farm, Highway 25, three miles south of Acton. Police suspect arson and have not ruled out the possibility of foul play in the death of an Acton area man. Acton firefighters recovered the body of Joseph Roger Lapointe, 31, from the front bedroom of the burning Spanish-styled bungalow, early Saturday morning shortly after receiving a fire call at 5 a.m.

In a bid to have their side of the story told, Halton County Board of Education has replied to statements made by Halton OSSTP president Tom Ramautarsingh concerning negotiations between the board and the Halton OSSTP. In the Tuesday release the board said the teachers were offered a merit pay plan similar to the one accepted in Metro, but the offer was rejected without study.

A second victim of the tragic auto crash which took the life of 37-year-old Jutta Topolovec died this week. Steven Topolovec, 38, died Monday at Hamilton General Hospital as the result of injuries he received in the accident which claimed the life of his wife. The Topolovecs lived at Orville Rd. Acton. Their son, Michael, 15, who was also in the death car, was discharged from Hamilton General Hospital about 10 days ago.

A four car collision on Highway 7 just west of Acton, Sunday, caused an estimated \$3,850 damage and sent three people to the hospital.

20 years ago

July 13, 1961

Eight children were baptized Sunday morning at Acton United Church. They were Douglas Gordon, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. Irvine; Peter James, Shirley Jane Phyllis and Mark William, children of Mr. and Mrs. William Morrison; Richard George, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Gibson; Gilmour Scott, son of Mr. and Mrs. G. Malcolm; Gordon Randall, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Van Fleet; and Eric Robert, son of Mr. and Mrs. Willem Verbeek. The Rev. Dwight Engel officiated assisted by the clerk of the session, Orwell Johnston.

Acton Council Tuesday evening gave two readings to a bylaw to authorize the construction of the new Community Centre. The bylaw will now be submitted to the Ontario Municipal Board for their approval before it is given its third and final reading. The bylaw provides for the construction of an addition to the front of the present arena at a cost estimated to be \$40,000.

50 years ago

July 16, 1931

When Mrs. M. McNerny saw that the car in which she was riding in the rumble seat with her five-year-old daughter Jeanette, was careening towards the ditch, she picked up her daughter and threw her into the grass at the roadside. When the car turned over in the ditch Mrs. McNerny was wedged in the seat with a twisted back. She was rushed to St. Joseph's Hospital, Toronto, where an operation and a blood transfusion given by her sister Mrs. W.J. Martin of Port Washington, N.Y. was necessary.

The Public Utilities Superintendent reported that Beardmore Leathers would require an additional forty horsepower at the warehouse for the new plant that would be installed here. It would be required within a month. It was necessary to do considerable re-wiring in this section and other sections of the town where the voltage was very unsatisfactory.

75 years ago

July 12, 1906

Miss Daisy Nicklin, daughter of ex-Reeve Nicklin, has received the intimation from Principal Scott, of the Normal School Toronto, that she is the winner of the gold medal presented to the first student at the Normal School each year.

At about 11.30 on Friday evening the frame building on the property of Mr. Fred W. Barber at the south end of Water street was destroyed. The fire was well advanced before noticed and, indeed, when the alarm was given the building was ready to collapse.

During a heavy thunderstorm on Sunday afternoon the fine barn belonging to Clarkson Joyce, on the fourth line, Esquesing was struck by lightning and consumed with all its contents. This was one of the finest barns in the township. The building and contents were partially covered by \$1,800 insurance.

100 years ago

July 14, 1881

On Saturday afternoon Councillor Campbell met with a very serious and painful accident, in his planning mill, by which he lost the first finger and part of the thumb of his left hand. Mr. Campbell was working with a sticking machine when in some way his hand slipped with the above result. Dr. Lowry amputated the finger and part of the thumb and dressed the wounds. Mr. Campbell suffered greatly during the warm weather since the accident, but he is now progressing very favorably.

Our readers write

Alf Duby excellent person for odor investigation

Dear Sir:

Regarding the letter from Mrs. Wright of Churchhill Road published in your issue of July 8.

As mentioned in your previous article there was a highly unpleasant odor coming from somewhere, for several evenings last month, in the Churchhill Road South area. There are two pollution control systems in the neighborhood (the town's and Beardmore). The experts from both of these plants insist that the problem did not come from their plant. There may be other possible sources.

It's not always possible to locate the source of an odor after its effects have disappeared. The town engineer delegated Mr. Alf Duby to investigate this problem and the inference in Mrs.

Wright's letter is that he is not a competent person to do this.

The purpose of my letter is to disagree with this inference. Because of his varied and extensive experience on the staff of Halton Hills and the former Town of Acton he is aware of the methods used in the two pollution control plants and with their limitations. I believe he is an excellent person to make such an investigation.

In any event Mrs. Wright tells me that the odor has not recurred. Perhaps the publicity associated with the original Free Press story has been useful. If it does happen again I presume we will have to bring in the experts from the province.

Sincerely yours
J.R. Knechtel

Book prizes beautiful

Dear Sir:

I would like to use your paper to pass on thanks and appreciation to the Chamber of Commerce on behalf of the three students from St. Joseph's School who won books in the Back to Acton Days Contest.

The books were beautiful and well chosen for the age levels of the children. Special thanks to Pat Wood who chose the books.

Sincerely,
Peg Graham



Rev. John Robertson welcomes Alan Costa, a visiting member of the Gideon Society International, to Knox Presbyterian Church on Sunday morning. Costa was in Toronto for a Gideon convention. Clarence Coles, a member of the Gideon Wellington East Camp and an Acton area resident was also on hand to welcome Costa.



A distinguished visitor from Zimbabwe spoke to a small group of interested Acton Ten Days for World Development members at Trinity United Church Saturday. Jalros Jiri, (on the left) discusses the geography of southern Africa with Eldon Comfort, Acton Ten Days chairman, and Dr. Geoffrey Chada formerly of Zimbabwe, now of Toronto. Mr. Jiri, a holder of the MBE, is founder and president of Zimbabwe's handicapped social and educational programs. Dr. Chada is a professor of African history.



Capt. Bill Brown, centre, of the Boys' Brigade was on hand to draw the winning ticket for Actario Saturday morning. He was assisted by Stella Brunelle and Tracey Tyler.