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Davis taxes oil price hikes so can live with new deal

For several years now Ontario Premier William Davis has been backing Prime Minister Pierre Trudeau in decrying high energy costs and Alberta's grab for mega-petrodollars.

However, last week when Trudeau and Alberta first minister Peter Loughead inked the new oil agreement which could more than double the price consumers pay to fill their tanks and heat their homes over the next five years Davis said he could live with the pact.

What changed his stance on soaring energy costs? Well, two things.

First Davis and his Progressive Conservatives romped back to power earlier this year with a strong majority.

Then the Tories brought down a budget loaded with bad news for taxpayers, their typical post majority government election economic pronouncement.

In that budget the government abandoned any pretext of concern about spiralling inflation in this province and the rest of Canada.

The Conservatives put in a tax measure which on certain commodities, including gas, results in fresh revenue for the Ontario treasury every time there is a price hike. The Conservatives are taxing inflation and the oil agreement will certainly bring lots and lots of price increases to be taxed.

No wonder Davis can live with the oil pact.

Our readers write

Cancer thanks Fox runners

Dear Terry Fox Run Volunteers: The Acton Branch of the Canadian Cancer Society would like to thank all those responsible for organizing and making this special run possible for the people of Acton and area.

Our town is very fortunate to have such dedicated and hard working citizens. Many Actonians were involved in the successful Terry Fox Day run both organizing, publicizing it, and in participating.

Many store merchants allowed posters and window displays to be used in their stores; others volunteered to handle the distribution of pledge sheets.

Those young and old, ranging from pre-schoolers, teens to seniors; singles and families, took to the start at the Acton High School track and answered a challenge and raised about \$11,000 worth of pledges. Twenty-five laps of the track, a distance of 10 kilometers or 6 miles, were jogged or walked by many from Acton and surrounding communities.

Thank you to all those who made this day a truly community effort, allowing our community to take part and be a significant participant in a very special day in the lives of millions of Canadians.

We are also thankful to people like Terry Fox who can inspire a nation and the world to pull together and raise funds for cancer research so, in the near future a dream of millions will come true and Cancer Will Be Beaten.

Sincere thanks to all, Susan Sale, President, Acton Branch, Canadian Cancer Society.

displayed in their store windows, who decorated their windows and also for the use of their advertising signs; the Olde Hide House, L&L Ford, Acton Free Press and Acton Home Furnishings for looking after the entry sheets and pledge forms; Ron McKnight who did our mobile announcing; the Acton banks for collecting the monies; and all the participants who made the Terry Fox run a success.

Gordon Auty.

Clergy Comment

by Rev. Chuck Beaton

The Acton Clergy Association has been invited by the editor of the Free Press to write a "Clergy Comment" which will appear in the paper every second week. We appreciate the invitation! Each of the ministers in town will have an opportunity to comment on a subject of his own choosing.

When we get together as a group, every six to eight weeks over coffee, it's very much like a gathering of friends. We share news about our churches and tell a few of the latest jokes. Each time we meet, I'm always impressed with how different we are, yet we have the same function and purpose.

What a group! We have the Scottish wit of John Robertson of Knox Presbyterian; the concern for pastoral care in Art Tribe of St. Alban's Anglican; the theological depth of John Cooper from the Christian Reformed; the warm heart of Father Leo Spengle of St. Joseph's Roman Catholic; and the enthusiasm of the Salvation Army's Lorne Pritchett. Brand new in town is Cliff Hodgson, of the Pentecostal Church. We're looking forward to getting to know him, and we are expecting the new Baptist minister

soon.

Each of us brings to that fellowship our personal Christian experience, as well as the tradition and perspective of our own denomination. Yet, in that diversity, there is unity. We worship one God, greater than we can comprehend, and one Lord, Jesus Christ, who has made God known in our midst.

The churches of Acton want to be helpful to the community by providing worship for people of all ages and by meeting the needs of people in any way we can. In the past, the clergy have exchanged pulpits for one Sunday, during the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, in January. Also, we were able to help the churches join together two years ago to sponsor a "Boat Family". We try to share responsibilities for community functions, where a minister may be needed. These are little things, but they are done in a spirit of co-operation, which we hope demonstrates to the community that we do appreciate each other's churches.

As Christians, we have been given the privilege and task of making God's love believable in our town. The "Clergy Comment" will be one small way that we can share— together.

Mediator appointed to help teachers-trustees

A Toronto lawyer has been appointed to assist Halton Separate School Board and its teachers with contract negotiations.

The appointment was announced this week by the Ontario Education Relations Commission after trustees and teachers agreed to ask for a mediator.

Normally a Fact Finder would have been appointed when teachers and a board haven't reached a new contract agreement by September 1. Fact finders have been appointed in the past for Halton Separate School Board teachers negotiations.

However, this time the trustees and teachers bargaining committees agreed "substantial progress could result from the intervention of a mediator."

Thomas Bastedo was appointed to the mediator post.

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On the Leavell

With Helen

Acton's own Lisa McGrath, Miss Acton Fall Fair 1980, has been chosen by a panel of judges as the Toronto Sun's Sunshine Girl of the Month, for August.

Lisa was the Sunshine Girl last month, the day before she competed in the Miss CNE competition. There were 11 judges on the panel, comprised of both male and female.

Lisa's picture will be entered at year's end to chose the Sunshine Girl of the Year.

A former Acton resident, and high school drop-out, Dr. Andrew J. Nicol has been named principal of the Saskatchewan Technical Institute.

Nicol's brother, Tommy Nicol of Elizabeth Dr. brought us in a newspaper clipping about his sibling.

Dr. Nicol dropped out of school in grade 11 and worked at odd jobs before joining the Navy. He decided to finish his high school at this point and took correspondence courses and later was selected to participate in an officer education program and earned his degree at Western University. He then went on to obtain a masters in business administration and a masters in business education.

After 25½ years in the military, Nicol left the service and spent five years as president of an agricultural vocational college in Fairview, Alberta, took a leave of absence to write a doctorate's thesis on the Metis Indians and then worked at a community college on an Indian reserve near Calgary before going to Moose Jaw.

Wedding anniversary congratulations go out to Orwell and Elsie Johnston, 118 Churchill Rd. S. who celebrated 57 years of marriage yesterday (Wednesday).

Jeff Inglis, Acton High School graduate and former Georgetown resident is making a name for himself as an offensive lineman with the Calgary Stampede of the Canadian Football League. He was recently ejected from a CFL game for the second time this season. In a recent contest with the Toronto Argos, Inglis and Bruce Clark exchanged punches and were fined \$300 apiece. Inglis was the first player in several seasons to be kicked out of games for fighting more than once in a season.

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several years before holding the same position with the Georgetown Independent.

Terry and Ken Grubbe recently returned from a business trip to Montebello, Quebec, where the Economic Summit was held in July.

The Grubbes were there representing Ken's firm Johnson and Higgins Consultants, of which Ken is vice-president.

The beauty and charms of northern Ontario have captured the heart of Mrs. Olive Wagg, who is visiting her daughter, Marjery Staley, from Scotland.

Mrs. Staley, R.R. 1, Acton, took her mother to Cochrane where they caught the Polar Bear Express to Mooseonee. Although it is Mrs. Wagg's fourth trip to Canada, she had never travelled to northern Ontario, and she just loved it.

Mrs. Wagg recently moved to south west Scotland, from Manchester England, where she lived for 18 years. She lived in London for 22 years before that.

Her husband didn't make this trip. He is attending a Lest We Forget convention in Holland.

Mrs. Wagg has been in Canada for one month, and returns home in two weeks' time.

There's an organization in town that is literally wasting away—that is TOPS (Take Off Pounds Sensibly). Meetings are held every Tuesday night at Trinity United Church at 7 p.m. Members must weigh in, keep a ledger of what they had to eat, how much weight they gained or took off, and enjoy discussions and guest speakers.

Once the weight-loss goal has been achieved, members then proceed to KOPS (Keep Off Pounds Sensibly).

For more information, contact Pearl Wilson at 853-2966. You may find there's a whole new world out there.

Was surprised to hear some people upset about the Leathertown committee's attempts to have Acton's name changed to Leathertown. Well, anyone under this misconception should read all the stories again.

No one has any intention of renaming Acton (except maybe regional councillors). Leathertown is merely a nickname, in as much as Guelph is the Royal City, Hamilton is Steel Town, Toronto, Hog Town, etc. There were never any plans to completely change Acton's name. Any work the Leathertown committee does to promote the town is done merely for that—to promote the town, and help bring in needed tourist dollars.

So come on everybody, give Chip Petrillo and his hard working committee a break. Support them, don't spread stories when you don't have the facts.

In the market for crafts, baking, hibiscus plants, and other goodies? If you are, head out to the Trinity Mini Market Saturday, September 26 at Trinity United Church from 10 a.m. to 12.30. All proceeds go towards a handicapped project.

And speaking of Trinity United Church, there is going to be a party there September 29 at 8 p.m. to celebrate the Acton branch of the Georgetown Unit of the Canadian Cancer Society, becoming a charter unit of their own. Everyone is welcome, but especially volunteers.

Henry Stanley, of Rockwood, is the new vice chairman of the Sheep

Committee at the Royal Winter Fair for the next two years.

Congratulations go out to Gwen Tyler who recently celebrated 50 years in the transport business.

A few weeks ago, Mrs. Tyler's wedding write-up, to Ted Tyler Sr., was in Back Issues. Ted died a few years ago, but Mrs. Tyler, son Ted Jr. and his wife Dolores have kept up the family business of Tyler Transport and Tyler Travel.

While hundreds of thousands of people across Canada and around the world were limbering up Saturday night to take part in the Terry Fox Run Sunday, some area residents were actually earning money for the cause and having a stomping good time partying and dancing.

Ann and Tony Vos, of Eden Mills were one of the 22 couples who attended the Barn Dance Saturday, where \$1,527 was raised for the Marathon of Hope in Terry Fox's memory.

The Barn Dance was held at the home of Charlie and June Barnes, R.R. 1 Campbellville. The women made picnic baskets of food, and just like in olden days, the baskets were auctioned off, purchased by the men. The person who bought the basket had to eat with the woman who made it.

A basket of food made up by Anna Marie Bell was bought for \$275, while Ann's basket went for \$90. The lowest one purchased went for \$30. Max Storey did the auctioning.

Ann says they all had a terrific time. It was just like stepping back in time, she said.

And Stone Road Mall in Guelph got into the act too.

Ruth De Jong, of the Mall staff, says \$2,000 was raised for Terry in an auction, thanks to television star John McCafferty.

McCafferty, who plays the character Billy Joe Wright on the daytime soap Texas managed to get \$45 for a \$17.50 teddy bear. As hundreds of his fans jammed the Miracle Mart court, McCafferty hugged and cuddled the stuffed animal, until the bidding almost three times over its store value.

Tapes of songs by one of his co-stars, soon to be made into records, brought in a hefty \$100, and something called Macho Cuffs his character wears on the program went for \$50.

Holiday Inn provided the lodging for McCafferty, as their donation to the Marathon of Hope.

Ruth says there will always be a Terry Fox Day, and the mall will always participate.

MEANDERINGS
 by Mabel Barkman
 Breadcrumbs

It is always handy to have a jar of bread crumbs in the kitchen.

It is better to dry old bread than to let it go mouldy. The best place I have found for drying bread is in the warming closet of my cook stove but since I don't use it in the summer, I use a very low heat in the oven and leave the bread for several hours.

After trying many ways to crush the bread and getting crumbs everywhere, I have developed a simple way. I put the bread in a plastic bag, then over this I put a large brown paper bag, I get my wooden mallet, go out on the porch and pound away—very therapeutic! Then I put a colander over a large bowl, dump the crumbs in and give it a good shake. What doesn't go through is given as a treat to the birds.

Back issues

10 years ago

September 15, 1971

A rate increase amounting to about 11 per cent for Acton consumers was approved by Acton Hydro-Electric Commission at their meeting Wednesday evening. The rate increase to the local commission had been recommended by Ontario Hydro. It will be effective November 1.

Graduation exercises were held in Convocation Hall at the University of Toronto Thursday evening for nurses who trained at the Toronto East General and Orthopaedic Hospital. Among about 70 in the class were Terri Dowling, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jack Dowling, Roseford Terrace. Terri is a grade 13 graduate of Acton High School.

Sky viewers were startled Sunday morning to see what looked like a long series of boards with wings and a motor skimming over Acton. Turned out this custom-made plane was called Breezy and was on its way to the Brampton air show from the Guelph airfield where it is based.

Premier Davis ended weeks of speculation in the press and by opposition leaders Monday afternoon when he called a provincial election for Thursday, October 21.

20 years ago

September 14, 1961

Difficulty which will be encountered with a once-a-week Monday garbage collection was outlined in a letter from the retail merchants which was read at Acton Council Tuesday evening. The appeal by the merchants prompted a lengthy discussion of the whole subject.

Ontario Public Works Minister Ray Connell announced today that the first stage of construction for the new Ontario School for the Deaf in Milton would start immediately. Frid Construction Co. Ltd. of Hamilton has been awarded the \$3,817,000 contract.

A peek inside the new dial exchange building reveals a maze of wires, switches, controls and 10 experts working at a brisk pace in an attempt to meet the December deadline for the switchover to dial in Acton.

A Council Commander of the Canadian Woodmen of the World for the past 25 years, George Smith, Acton, received his past council commander's Gold Medal Tuesday evening.

50 years ago

September 17, 1931

When the home waltz was played at the Fall Fair dance early this morning the final act and the 1931 Acton Fall Fair passed on record as another success in its years of activity. President Waldie and Secretary Atkins and the board of directors possibly did not awaken so early this morning and R. J. Kerr's voice is still a little hoarse and these are theirs who will be rested in time to be among the leisure spectators at the other fall fairs. But these are trivial matters when they realize that success has again crowned their efforts.

This week Mr. J. G. Lindsay disposed of this grocery and chinaware store building and stock to Mr. J. Kingshott who took over the building on Monday. Mr. and Mrs. Kingshott are residents of Acton and well acquainted with the citizens here.

75 years ago

September 13, 1906

Acton Methodist Sunday School orchestra contributed much to the programme at the successful Harvest Festival at Corwin on the lawn of Mr. Taylor on Monday evening under the auspices of Corwin Methodist Church.

Mr. H. P. Moore left for Montreal on the weekend to attend the quadrennial session of the General Conference of the Methodist Church. He will be absent until the end of the month.

Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Nelson and Mrs. John Perkins of Gloversville N.Y. were guests for several days during the week of Mr. W. H. Speight, Park Ave.

Mrs. John Anderson and Mrs. John Cooper of Detroit Michigan (nee the Misses Mary and Lizzie Watson) formerly of Acton visited friends here last week. It is twenty-two years since they were in Acton.

100 years ago

September 1, 1881

The election on the Town Hall bylaw last Friday caused considerable excitement in town but notwithstanding the stir, a comparatively small vote was polled. It is hardly necessary to state that the bylaw was carried by a large majority, the poll being 50 for the bylaw and only 14 against. This we think clearly shows the spirit of enterprise possessed by the freeholders of our village.

A homely young girl has the consolation of knowing that if she lives to be 40 she'll be a pretty old girl.

Mr. Austin Swackhamer is building a brick house on Young St. near Guelph St. A couple of Indian tramps were in town on Saturday. They were fat, lazy looking fellows.

Mr. James Matthews commenced hopping on Monday, about 75 pickers have been employed each day.