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Rae of hope for voters

The selection of Bob Rae over the weekend is a news event which must be greeted with enthusiasm by not only supporters of his party, but also all Ontario voters who don't have rigid ties to either the Conservatives or Liberals.

By the time the next election is called, presumably not before 1985, the ruling Conservatives will have been in power longer than any other in Canadian history.

Much of their success, especially in the past decade when large cracks in their armor began to appear, has been based on the fact that there has been little alternative.

Certainly Stuart Smith and Michael Cassidy weren't adequate replacements for Premier William Davis. In fact, only the NDP's Stephen Lewis has presented any real alternative to the Conservatives in the last 40 years.

In Rae the NDP is offering the voters of this province an alternative. A moderate socialist, he is highly educated, articulate, personable, caring, excels with the media, and has a firm grasp of economic and social issues.

At the same time, it is refreshing to see the NDP adopting policies which give it a more moderate look. The economic and social policies endorsed on the weekend by the rank-and-file are much more practical and affordable than NDP planks offered in the past.

We certainly aren't endorsing Rae and the NDP yet, just saying they are well worth watching and considering. Rae has

two big jobs ahead of him if he is to develop the party into a full-fledged threat to the Tories. He must build the party across Ontario and attract moderate candidates like himself for the next election. They have an outstanding leader now, to go with that NDP needs a strong slate and a message people want to hear.

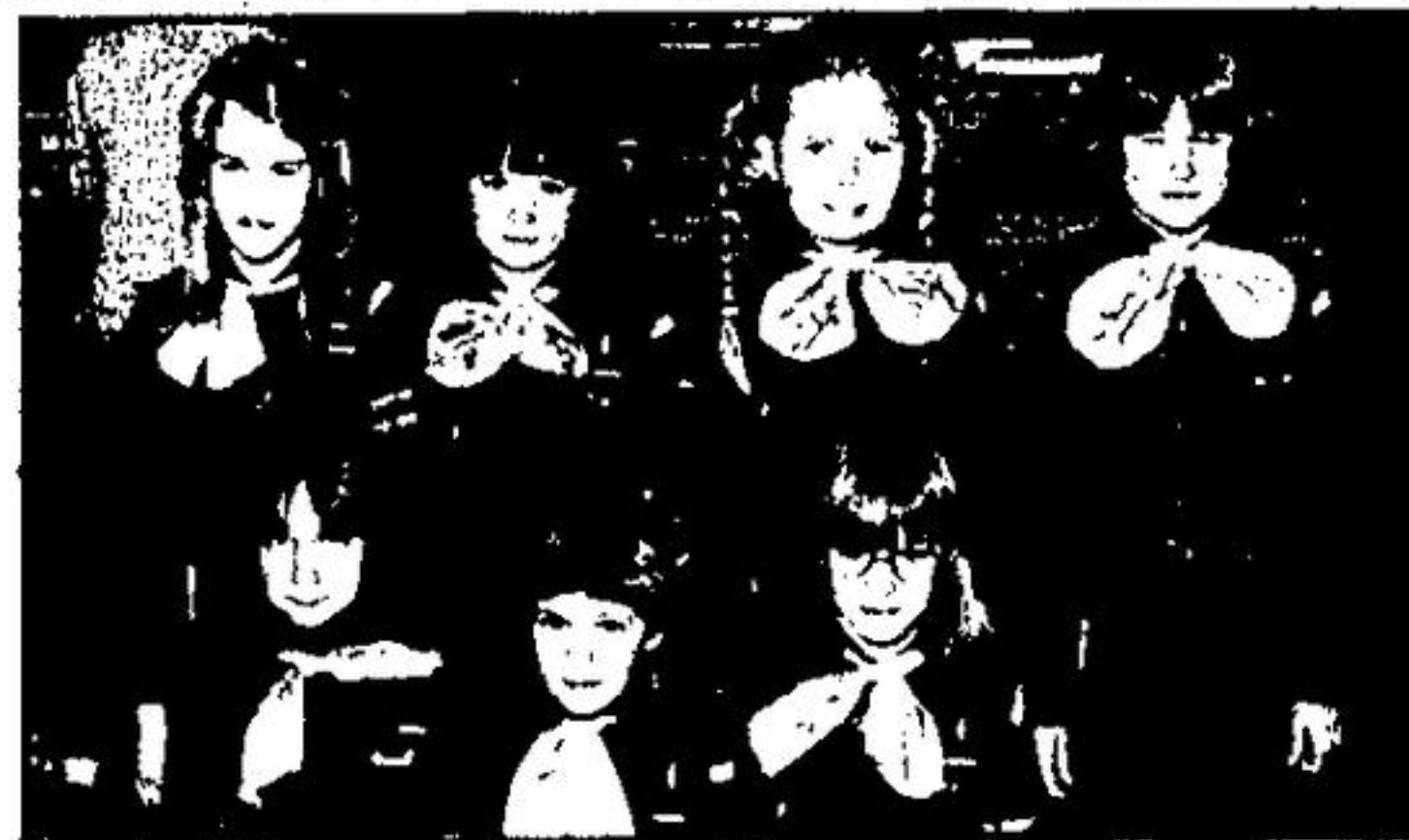
But, he must also gain a Legislature seat as soon as possible. The NDP, and Rae particularly, are needed now as strong, thoughtful voices in the Legislature, advising, prodding and persuading a very tired government. For the next three years the NDP must be a dynamic opposition. The issues they are talking about are hurting people badly right now.

The Ontario Liberals meet later this month to replace Smith. We aren't as impressed with any of their five leadership hopefuls as we are with Rae, although young Sheila Copps does offer some attraction. But all five show potential to be better alternatives to the Liberals than Smith was.

By the time the next election rolls around Davis could well be gone too.

It may be utopian to hope for it, but our wish is for the Liberals and Conservatives to have leaders and policies as fresh and energetic developed by then as the NDP seems now to be well on the road to offering.

Then we can look forward to an exciting and vibrant election campaign and a real choice, not just a selection of the best of three bad offerings.



Members of the 2nd and 3rd Acton Brownies graduated to the 2nd Acton Guides Monday night. Front row, left to right, Christine Graham, Laura Masales and Bev Bridge. Back row, Dana Medland, Kristen Murray, Janeen Robinson and Anita Hahn.



Tosha Peterson, Tracey Griffen and Jennifer Bumstead were enrolled in the second Acton Brownie pack last week.

Third Zimbabwe way not capitalist or communist

Zimbabwe wants to develop in a third way, not communist or capitalist, according to Dr. Geoffrey Chada who is talking to Acton audiences this week as part of the local Ten Days for World Development program.

A University of Toronto lecturer on African history, Dr. Chada spoke to the congregation at Trinity United Church and Acton Baptist Church Sunday morning. Tonight (Wednesday) he will speak at Knox Presbyterian Church.

He says Zimbabwe "believes we have the ability to carve out a third way of development that's not capitalist or communist."

However, he says, settling in independent course in a third world nation isn't easy because their efforts are "frustrated" by the "power blocks." Zimbabwe would like to be a socialist nation with some "traditional

trappings" but not like socialism in the east or west.

His native land believes it can be a successful multi-racial land without racial problems and play an important role in a "smooth change" in South Africa abolition of apartheid. Dr. Chada said Zimbabwe needs help out of the " doldrums " or ravages of the past wars.

Ten Days for World Development is designed to educate Canadians through their churches about the problems of the third world and what Canadians can do to help.

One way Canadians can assist the developing nations is through our national government. But government help must meet the expectations of the third world and not be "polarized" by power block thinking. The third world has long term aspirations which don't fit into what the western world envisions.



On the Leavell

With Helen

Acton Optimist Club is having a Valentine Brunch this Sunday at Acton Family Restaurant, beginning at 10 a.m. until 1 p.m.

Pancakes and sausage or bacon, tea or coffee cost the low price of \$1.99. Proceeds go to help the club help the town's young people.

Drop in and help out a good cause.

The Acton Free Press offers a new feature this week to every home in town, not just those who regularly receive this newspaper.

The weekly real estate section delivered to each home for several months now by the Georgetown Independent is now put out by the Free Press, offering Acton news and features, as well as the attractive, informative real estate advertisements from various firms in Halton Hills.

News stories in this week's issue, which should have been at your door last night include Trinity UCV news, a story on the Cub Car Rally, a feature on Denis Savoie, new manager of the Bank of Montreal, accident reports, and Halton Board of Education news. This section is inserted in rural mail papers and copies sold in rural stores.

Anyone not receiving this section with their grocery flyers is asked to call the Free Press office at 853-2010 or drop by and pick one up.

500 Club winners for January 29 are 317 Denis Kirtan and 287, Kathy and Kelly Harkley. For February 6, 286 Shirley Waites, was the lucky winner.

The Halton Helping Hands is in need of gentlemen for the Friendly Visiting Program to visit other gentlemen who can't get out of the house for one reason or another.

Helping Hands prefer adults who have life skills, who love chatting, and are perhaps World War II veterans, or ran businesses in the area.

For further information, call Mrs. Barb Stevens, Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. at Georgetown 873-1177, for further details.

Four items which won prizes at the Acton Fall Fair in September are on their way to the Ontario Association of Agricultural Societies convention next week at the Royal York Hotel, Toronto.

A bedspread by Mrs. Frank Anthony, a macramé Christmas tree made by Carol Lockhart, a quilt by Mrs. W. Featherstone and an Easter Basket by Janet Marshall will be on display. The quilt will also be judged in the Canada Packers quilt competition at the convention.

All the items were on display at the District 5 annual meeting in Milton in November and forwarded to the Toronto convention.

Also at the convention will be Miss Acton Fall Fair Cindy McGilloway who will be meeting winners in other fall fairs across Ontario and they will be competing against each other at the CNE Miss Sweetheart of the Fairs competition in August.

Cookie time is here again.

Acton Brownies and Girl Guides will be out knocking on doors February 20 selling their infamous cookies. Order forms can be filled out the week of February 15.

For further information, call Mona Petrillo at 853-3680 or Linda Hardy at 853-0270.

Just no excuse for it. How I could let it happen is beyond me. It was only when pointed out to me that I discovered my profound error (and injustice) concerning all the female municipal councillors across the country.

A common phrase for journalists to use is town fathers. However, that cute little saying is as chauvinistic as Archie Bunker at his best.

Apologies go out to Terry Grubbe, Pam Sheldon and Marilyn Serjeantson who will henceforth be labelled town mothers, as far as articles written by myself go.

In today's battle for equality, I am ashamed of myself for not realizing how very one sided "town fathers" really is. I just hope Heather Whiting will forgive my oversight.

My mother celebrated a birthday on Saturday. She will disown me if I reveal which one. Among all the lovely gifts she received was a pen with a quartz watch in the shaft of it.

It is a gorgeous pen, nice fine point, the watch keeps accurate time. Even tells you the date.

But, I have just one complaint. It is a right handed pen!

When my mother uses it, she can tell the time or date at a glance. It's very convenient.

However, when old south-paw Helen uses it, the watch part is upside down, which defeats the entire purpose of having it there.

As I am the only left hander in my family, I have for years put up with all the discriminations against people like myself.

Gravy ladles are impossible to use, scissors hurt the wrist, and can openers are darn near impossible to use. The invention of the ball point pen was a blessing to all my school teachers, because I would drag my hand through anything I had written

with the old fountain pen kind, smearing my work something terrible. Even cars don't seem to want to co-operate with the starter and the gear shift convenient for the right handed species in the world. (Maybe I should move to England or Scotland.)

But all these things are excusable. After all, you get used to what you are brought up with. But, it is really going too far when pens and clocks (or watches) are made for right handers, with no thought to the silent minority.

The government has passed laws against discrimination against various minorities in this country. I say it's time the south paws (isn't that a horrible label) rise up and revolt! We have our rights too!

MEANDERINGS

by Mabel Barkman

February is marmalade month. Time for Chikomamatia (in Indian "Gosh, will this winter ever end! And when Chikomamatia hits you, make a batch of marmalade.

You will see the Seville oranges in the stores. No one should be afraid of making marmalade as there are so many recipes that if you mix a few it doesn't matter.

Use cheesecloth if you don't want too many seeds and pulp in it. Or use a soft cloth to tie up everything but the rind. Cheesecloth is a fantastic price. Six of the bitter oranges will make a nice bath plus a sweet one and a lemon.

It takes a lot of hard work alivering the peel with a sharp knife but listen to your favorite radio program and you will be finished before you know it. If you find a few chunky pieces do not worry. You need about four and a half pints of water.

Put everything in a large pot and simmer for an hour or two and then cover and leave overnight. The next day boil until the liquid is reduced to about half. You should have about eight cups; so add a cup of sugar for every cup of juice and boil until the liquid coats a spoon.

Put in sterilized jars with a thin layer of wax or leave out the wax and pop in the freezer. Enjoy a breakfast of homemade marmalade, toast and crispy bacon. Yummy.

Clergy Comment

by Pastor John Cooper

The year of the disabled is gone, but each day the disabled struggle on. The well had to be made aware of the unwell. But are not those who lay claim to well-being in some sense not well, if they had to be, to some greater degree, sensitized to disability, may to the disabled, human beings, poor and needy of body, mind, spirit, will, affection, personhood, respect?

Does it not betray a fragile self that cannot endure the pressure and pain of another? Such a one has all to do to maintain itself. Yes, an itself it is. For such an enclosed, encysted self has lost the pulse of life, the throb of another and, soon or late, avoiding the human struggle, is plagued with earned isolation.

Such self-protection breeds false pride and practices scorn. Wanting to be someone, it becomes nothing. Prancing for recognition, it has its reward. Such are the self-indulgent, pre-occupied with registering yet higher certitudes on their perpetual reducts.

Surely such is another category of the disabled and the unwell. And I know it well, for it is I. And who can

deny participation in every imperfection. Some claim, "Either you are or you are not so disabled." To claim either/or is to deny a gnawing reality. Better to admit the struggle... and then get help. Else you wrangle on to the point of no return.

Say, what gloom do you portray in this grand and glorious day. See how far we've come. Gave men we are not, moon-men walk among us. What's not in our power... will soon make us man of the hour.

All that has been discovered, is it not from God's treasure chest? And having been pried loose, put to what use? More tools and technology for man to claim a throne, while affects unknown, eat at his heart and bone. Below you find that acid rains, but have yet to know God reigns above.

Here you earn some material piece, while God gives on earth His people peace. Now with sweat and tears is wrought, for all the security which can be bought; while those for whom God has sought, today enjoy the purity Christ brought.

Disabled all, since man's great Fall, bear the Holy Spirit's call; enter now the Savior's hall for God's re-call.

Back issues

10 years ago

February 9, 1972

Acton's centennial commissioners got an unexpected shot in the arm for their Grey Cup bid when CP Air announced Monday that they would supply free air transportation to Montreal Friday for four members of the commission to attend a meeting of the Canadian Football League.

A North Halton family became twice over victims of the dog poisoner who has been operating in the Sixth Line area in the past weeks. The Del Linstead family's pet dog "Jack" died of an apparent poisoning on Monday afternoon.

The police village of Eden Mills would rather be part of Wentworth County than Halton in the event that regional government would split the village in two.

20 years ago

February 8, 1952

Showing signs of nervous strain after bowling seven straight strikes, a 21-year-old Acton housewife and mother, Mrs. Dennis Crooks, Church Street came through like a veteran Monday evening and rolled a perfect game at Acton Bowling Lanes when she racked up a 450 score. She rolled 12 strikes in a row.

Acton firefighters' Monday night meeting was disrupted when an alarm was sounded at the hall to report a chimney blaze at the farm home of Mr. and Mrs. William Frank, Nassagaweya.

A new committee was named at the annual meeting of the pipe band—which now has a new name—Sunday afternoon in the YMCA. The group is no longer Acton Junior Pipe Band but simply Acton Pipe Band.

Mrs. Clara Brown is visiting with her daughter, Mrs. Jack Dowling, Mr. Dowling, Terri and John, Roseford Terrace.

LAC and Mrs. Terry Bottomley and children of Downsview spent Sunday with relatives in town.

50 years ago

February 1, 1932

Pupils who headed their classes in Acton public school in January examinations: Fourth Class, Norman Braida, Elma Braida, Marjorie Davidson, Jack Graham, Mary Papillon, Wilbert McMillen. Senior Third, Annie Holmes, Lillian Fields, Jean Bennie, Bill Nicolak, Lucy MacArthur, Mary Young, Junior Third Jack Hollinger, William Hall, Victor Bristow, Beatrice Taylor, Ralph Hansen, Ina Dawkins. Senior Second Rino Braida, Jack Sweeney, Fred Holland, Lyla Evans, Frances Papillon, Jean McMillan. Junior Second Dorothy King, Mac Roney, Beverley Arnold, Margaret Scriven, Joe Zygmunt, Annie Molozzie. First class, Ilen Chu, Polly Porty, Tommy Atkinson, Lois Dawkins, Kathleen Wedgeway, Albert Chu. First Class Frances Lamb, Beatrice Woods, Evelyn Kentner, Hannah Borovoy, Jimmie Scott, Lorne Masters. Junior primary Highest Class Olga Dyrwi, Dora Wood, Austin Gibbets, Rena Braida, Margaret Somerville, Dora Hansen. Junior A Class, Marjory Nelson, Peter Turkosz, Orvel Allen, Emela Marcak, T.R. Lamb, Margaret Smith.

75 years ago

February 7, 1907

A deputation from Acton Board of Trade asked council to pass a motion requesting the Grand Trunk Railway to put on a mid-afternoon train to Toronto, to return at midnight, and this was done.

All the seats on Acton council are now filled, following the election Monday of Messrs. C.C. Speight and W. Williams. The first meeting was two hours after the ballots had been counted. Never before in the 34 year history of Acton have councillors taken their seats on the day of the election.

A company presented the Passion Play in the town hall Saturday to a slim audience. The hall was engaged for the evening for a silver collection, but the candidate did no good for himself when he threw upon the screen as the closing number "Vote for . . . the people's Choice." He was not elected.

The members of the fire brigade are enjoying their new quarters in the town hall very much. The room is open three nights a week.

100 years ago

February 9, 1882

In view of the fact that not a sufficient number of persons were elected at the nomination, D.D. Christie was appointed a councillor for 1882.

The party which left for Manitoba yesterday morning were entertained at an oyster supper at Agnew's Hotel on Tuesday evening. The Manitoba fever is spreading hereabouts.

Don't allow yourself to be carried away with the stories of the wonderful value of property in Manitoba. From \$200 to \$300 was paid for village lots in Acton when the G.T. Railway was being surveyed thirty years ago, and the same lots sold 25 years afterwards for \$50 to \$75. So it will be with many of the towns and villages in the North-west.

The carpenters are busy on Messrs. Speight's new carpenter shop on Agnes St.