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## Just give hall backers a chance to restore it

town hall a chance.

Friday's drop-in session was because the Actario-Restorselves was made crystal clear.

the town. If the supporters fall flat on their faces then the town can still tear the building down for an estimated eight parking spaces.

want is to be given control of the building in a form of Halton Hills choosing and then a few outside and inside as well as for space in the building.

Halton Hills doesn't need to give the groups the money set aside for demolition; in fact in light of the fact a good number of residents signed petitions against tax dollars going into ever gets a green light. It's the building (the petition stated they didn't object to the community groups restoring it) council shouldn't give the nobody will be allowed to save. groups any money.

requirement that the town rent space in the hall. However, if it should turn out in the years ahead that Halton Hills does need space, a restored town hall would be the correct location, but it is by no means a certainty space will be needed so Halton Hills shouldn't feel

obligated to move into the hall. Lastly there shouldn't be any requirement or suggestion that the building, once restored, be given back to the municipality. It could easily remain forever

Your editorial in the A.F.P. of May

19. "Nuke vote may be costly" calls for

a rebuttal. Its defeatist attitude and

put-down of participatory democracy is

unworthy of a paper that normally sup-

The editorial was in response to the

A.F.P. front page feature of May 12,

"Nuclear disarmament may be munic-

ipal vote question". As one who strong-

ly supports such a referendum, I would

councillors that such a plebiscite might

invalidate the municipal election. Many

towns and cities (for example, Van-

couver, Hamilton, London, Ottawa)

representing over 2 million Canadians

have already opted for such action. In

the unlikely event that including the

question would spoll the ballot, it would

be a small price to pay for the op-

portunity to be heard on a vital issue.

war and its terrifying results for

mankind" then make a pessimistic

statement about how useless a

plebiscite would be. It is such defeatism

that causes us to lose by default. If an

individual's stand is unimportant why

have elections at all? Some countries

3. You speak of the extra cost of such

a referendum. As compared with the

cost of armaments, it is negligible. The

cost of leaving life and death decisions

to generals, nationalistic leaders and

the armaments industries is too hor-

rible to contemplate. We must not be

pennywise and dollar foolish.

don't!

2. You state that "we fear nuclear

1. You agreed with some Halton Hills

like to make the following points.

Dear Sir:

ports altruistic issues.

Come on Halton Hills council, in the hands of the Foundation just give the supporters of the which will be established to handle Actario money.

Basically feelings about the very worthwhile for many town hall fall into three reasons, but particularly categories. One group doesn't want it restored by anyone, at ation Committee proposal to any price, at any time, regardbuy, rent, get the building any less if their tax dollars go into it way that's acceptable to coun- or not. A larger group doesn't cillors and restore it them- want tax dollars used to restore or maintain the building, but It really is a no lose deal for really don't care if the interest groups take a shot at it, though these people generally figure the groups won't succeed. A third group, probably as large as the other two combined (and Basically what the groups at the 11th hour more supporters are coming forward) want it saved, restored and used, and don't care who does it years in which to restore the or who pays for it; in fact these people are willing to work and explore for potential tennants contribute financially to the project.

It is also reasonable, considering the fact this community has built other facilities on its own, that labor and funds will be donated if the project pretty hard to raise funds for a building many have been led to believe is collapsing and

But really these questions In addition there is no will only be answered if supporters are given a chance to try and save the building.

> If in two or three years the building hasn't been restored, money hasn't been raised, volunteers haven't come forward to donate labor, etc., council can still tear it down.

What has council got to lose in going for this deal, other than the opponents on council who say Actario and the Restoration Committee can't do it being proved wrong?

laughable" to describe the value of a

plebiscite because of low voter turnout.

By this reasoning the election of town

councillors is equally ludicrous. Are

you suggesting we abolish municipal

5. You discount the effectiveness of,

"talks, talks and more talks" and of

any referendum in Halton Hills. Well.

talking will always be preferable to

fighting (especially with nuclear war-

heads). I believe Halton Hills citizens

deserve a chance to participate in

creating the political will to improve

the odds that our children's children

will live to pass judgement on our forth-

rightness or our self-defeating helpless-

6. You say your readers reacted to

the referendum dialogue as "general-

ly...ho-hum or a good laugh". I

choose not to believe that Actonians are

that insensitive. Many share my view

(and yours) that the possibility of a nu-

clear war is a reality and an obscenity.

citizens are usually left out of the issues

that affect them most. As a result they

feel a sense of helplessness and a neg-

lect and become indifferent to govern-

The kind of interdependence that is

now emerging on this globe is too im-

portant and complex to be left to inter-

national bureaucrats alone. They are

not usually capable of being agents of

Change requires the active partic-

One of the ironies of history is that

Our readers write

Nuke vote editorial rebuttal

COVERNMENT REGULATIONS BLAKE



Sally Smith thinks she and Ernie Marks should receive a citation. What for?

Seems Sally and Ernle rescued a kitten which had got caught in a door and was choking to death last week. Quick thinking by Ernie opened the door, and saved the kitten's life.

It was a pretty nice thing for the two of you to do Sally, but if I were you I wouldn't actively campaign for the citation.

Next Tuesday, June 1 (already), the Limehouse Post Office will be 125 years old. The office has been involved in the life of the community since 1857, when it began operations in a village hotel, with John Newton serving as the first postmaster.

The community was once known as Fountain Green, but when the post office opened it renamed the village Limehouse. Around 1880 the post office moved to its present site, but in 1888 the building burned down, to be replaced by the structure now housing it-the Limehouse General Store.

Mrs. Violet Stevens, the present postmaster, has held the position since May 1, 1969. Working with her is Cal McIntyre, the rural route contractor for the area. Mrs. Stevens is well aware of the history of the post office in Limehouse.

There's some pretty good local photographers' works on display and for sale at the olde Hide House for the next few

Photos by Iva Knechtel, Bill Stuckey. Jim Jennings, Bruce Andrews and Ted Hilton are in the Photography Show and Sale presented by the Acton unit of the Canadian Cancer Society. Proceeds of the sale go towards the Canadian Cancer Society.

Eleven years ago this summer I toured Europe for five weeks with The Canadian Youth Hostels Association. Of the many countries I visited, my favorite was, to my surprise, Holland. And it wasn't until recently that I think I discovered why.

with the idea of scouting Switzerland as a place to attend university. The few days in Holland were just to be stopover on my way back to England before going home. But when I got there (to Holland), I felt like I had already arrived home. I felt

As an excited 16-year-old, I went over

comfortable, and although I missed my family terribly, I could have spent months in Amsterdam. Everything, felt very familiar.

Last month when I was interviewing Rockwood historian Joseph Drenters and the Berghs, who are doing a book on the

I was really surprised to hear of the Dutch connections in my past, as I thought my father's family came from Germany'

I looked through the Berghs archives

further and saw a derivative of my mother's maiden name Burgess, but the spelling had been changed too much to be sure it was from the same name.

I must be the only person in North America who never saw Roots, but after the feeling I got when looking through these old records, I might have opened the doors to a new hobby for me.

Visiting at the home of Ted and Kne. Harsen on Saturday, May 15, was Crown Ambassador Jim Janz of Surrey, B.C.

Jim left teaching to join the ranks of the Amway Corporation 18-years-ago and now his organization Ambassador Associates has over 60,000 distributors and did a business volume of over \$100 million last year.

He is the present chairman of the Canadian Board of the Amway Distributors Association and is on the Board of Robert Schuller Ministries. His visit to Acton was to speak to present and potential members of the Hansen Group of his organization.

There are several local and prominent names in the Crawford Lake fund raising drive list.

Crawford Lake is so unique that Foundation hopes to raise \$700,000 in the next three years to preserve this area and rebuild the Indian village which was nearby 500 years ago. The lake is so unusual that there may not be another one like it in Southern Ontario.

Although Acton is in the Credit Valley Conservation, the people in this town relate easily to recreation and educational activities at Kelso, Mountsberg and Crawford Lake.

"The Foundation is well organized and

has an active committee in Halton Hills which will be contacting local industries for their support," says foundation executive member Pat McKenzie. "Although I have made my donation, I feel if the people of Acton read about this project, that many local citizens who believe in conservation, will want to support the Crawford Lake project."

The Limehouse Cubs are challenging all cub packs in North Halton to support this worthy project. "How much more exciting to visit an

Indian Village at Crawford Lake than to look at a picture or read about it in a textbook at school," Pat says. Pat had been named chairman of the

committee, but ill health forced him to ask Russ Miller to take it over. Other local names are Mrs. K. Lawson,

Mrs. Dolly Moulden, Mrs. Debbie Sankey, Vince Whelan, Ross Knechtel, Edith Hilfman, and John Michie.

> MEANDERINGS by Mabel Barkman Barbecued Steak Special

If you get tired of barbecuing individual T Bone steaks try this for variation. Buy one large piece of top round steak about an inch thick and pierce in places with a fork. Then sprinkle with meat tend-

erizer on both sides and leave in the fridge for a few hours. Before broiling melt a little butter and garlic salt and brush on both sides. Bar-

becue until it is crispy and brown with a bit of pink in the centre. Then place it on a board and slice diagonally very thin. It's amazing how far this will go. Serve

with a salad and baked potatoes or make hot beef sandwiches with crusty rolls. Salt and Pepper afterwards so that the meat will not toughen.

# Back issues 10 years ago

May 24, 1972 Enjoying a bus trip and tour to Upper Canada Village and Ottawa over the long weekend were Mrs. Herb Helwig, Mrs. Jim Ingles, Mrs. Ray Mason and Miss Jessie Coles. The group visited the Parliament buildings and other places of interest in Ottawa and district including the Gatineau Hills, Hull, Quebec.

Visitors at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Lemon over the weekend were Mr. and Mrs. Fred Cooper, Tillsonburg, and Mr. and Mrs. James Gardner, Wilfred, Dennis and Debra Wardsville.

A coffee house, open to anyone 16 years of age and over is expected to open in town for the summer months, probably in the middle of June.

An expected 800 Ventures materialized into over 1000 Ventures and Rangers for the first all-Ontario Venture over the long weekend. Campsites at Blue Springs Scout Reserve, R.R.1, Acton, were overflowing with tents to accomedate the unexpected deluge for the three day camp.

#### 20 years ago

May 24, 1962 Mrs. L. Hemsley, R.R. 3 Acton, was the lucky winner of a play pen in the Ledger's I.G.A. Pablum Lucky Draw contest held recently.

P.D. Robinson, 123 Wynford Place, Acton, was awarded the degree of Bachelor of Science in Agriculture at the annual Convocation exercise at the Ontario Agricultural College, Guelph, held on Friday May 18.

Mary Frances Marcoux is featured in the picture on the editorial page this week at the May Crowning at St. Joseph's Church, Sunday.

A.E. Awrey, of R.R. 3, Acton, was awarded the Associate Diploma in Agriculture at the Graduation Exercise at the Ontario Agricultural College, Guelph, Wednesday, May, 18.

Five Acton High School athletes will be competing this Saturday, at East York Stadium against representatives from all of Ontario. They are Peter Lawson, John Goy, Stuart McDonald, Keith Ranney and Allen Hall.

#### 50 years ago

May 19, 1932

Mr. and Mrs. James Dobie, Jr., and Master Jimmie removed on Saturday to their new home in Waterloo, where Mr. Dobie has been transferred by the C.N.R. Mrs. Jos Thompson, of Guelph, spent the weekend at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R.L. Davidson.

Mr. and Mrs. M.C. Overholt, of Toronto, spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs. R.L. Johnston and other Acton friends.

The new office addition at the Mason Knitting Company plant is enclosed and is

now ready for the exterior finish. Mr. and Mrs. J.F.E. Terry and Joan Merlyn and Donna Elane, of Brantford; Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Near and Margaret; Mr. I. Vannatter, of Guelph; Mr. Thos. E. Bennett, of Toronto, visited Mrs. Robt.

Bennett and Miss M.Z. Bennett on Sunday.

### 75 years ago

May 23, 1907 Ernest Macklin, a young Englishman

from Belleville, was engaged to operate the corporation electric lighting plant at a salary of \$50 per month. He says when the council supplies a new outfit of shunts from the street lights he will be able to give a regular and satisfactory service. Acton teachers attending the convention

of Halton Teachers Institute in Milton were Mr. W.J. Stewart, president, Misses Kate Kennedy, Jessie McKinnon, Mattle Smith, Annie King, Annie Hudson Minnie Holmes, Miss Nickell, Miss Black, Misses Maggie Bennett, Florence Holmes, Vida Folster and Marie Goodeve.

Rev. D. Menzies of Montreal preached in Knox Church about the evangelization work carried on by the church among the Roman Catholic French Canadians of Quebec.

#### 100 years ago

May 23, 1882 A public meeting will be held to consider the propriety of granting a loan to G. Tolton to erect a flour mill.

The Scott Act is working very well in Georgetown, a place which literally reeked with drunkenness.

On Victoria Day a number went off on fishing and hunting excursions, a large number left by the forenoon trains from Brampton, Rockwood and other places, while others remained at home to witness the base-ball game between the junior clubs of Acton and Guelph.

Our citizens should insist on the organization of a good strong fire company. This is the only thing our enterprising little town is behind in.

Steps were taken to organize a joint stock company for the purpose of erecting a temperance hotel to meet the requirements of travellers and others visiting Acton. A company was organized with capital of \$5,000 the directors Mesers. James Matthews, D. Henderson, John

Warren, James Moore and W.P. Brown.

# Outdoors

BY LORNE FLETCHER

Outdoor camping and fishing in the rain have some good points, such as fewer black flies and mosquitos to contend with. Of course holidayers who got soaked and in some place hopelessly stuck in the mud on the past long weekend would probably argue the point.

It seems the Pickerel wake up and go on the prowl for lunch just when a storm is breaking. On Saturday past, after failing to find any fish until 4 p.m., when the rains started suddenly action picked up and shortly thereafter we had fish in the canoe.

There's nothing like a pan full of Pickerel fillets, plus a pot full of fiddle head ferns, both free and in abundance this time of year.

Rainbow trout have noticeably slowed down in the most central and southern regions with just a few late season spawners being taken. These fish are not worth the effort as they are in poor condition after spawning and should be left alone or released for another year.

Some good catches of Splake and most consistent. It takes several trips Rainbow are reported from Colpoy Bay at Wiarton and Owen Sound harbor where quite a few small Chinook Salmon (two to five pounds) have been landed.

A local fisherman, Ivor Trowbridge, and a party of two town fishermen have just returned from a well planned trip to the Western area of Ontario with a great catch. After eating well on their

trip they brought home something like nine Lake Trout; two Speckled trout up to four-and-a-half pounds; plus ten large Pickerel . Those large Speckled Trout alone

would make most anglers sit up and take notice. Mr. Trowbridge is one angler who

really plans his fishing trips well in advance, right down to the last detail of tackle and destination. Usually this type of planning pays off in good angler success, plus the satisfaction of holiday time well spent. Tanya DeJong was a successful and

happy angler recently. While fishing the Nottawasaga River she landed a four pound Pickerel plus more fish the next day. Many anglers from the Acton area regularly fish this river. George and Barbara Forest and family; Viola Foster and brother Kenny have been trying their luck there. This river is known for its fickleness to anglers. Some times there are phenominal catches and at other times things are dead. Large rains can quickly change the water level and change the outlook and success rate. It is usually anglers that really know this river who are the and many hours of fishing to find the few spots where fish usually

congregate. A good trip for those with their own boats and motors this weekend would be to try Lake Huron by Southampton for large bows. Best lure would be an Owens number 377 spoon, trolled on a

long line. And take your children camping too.

#### Yours sincerely. 4. You used the words "absurd and Eldon Comfort Beardmore workers going to Ottawa protest

change.

ination of all citizens.

Unless there are new developments in the battle to have Ottawa reinstate leather shoe import quotas almost 100 Beardmore management personnel and workers are going to be bussed to Ottawa for a rally on June 8 on Parlia-

ment Hill. Ed Parent, head of Local 0479-P United Food and Commercial

at day a consequence of the cons

Workers at Beardmore, said two buses have been chartered to take workers to Parliament Hill where unions, tanners and shoe manufacturers will be protesting the lifting

of quotas. Fred Dawkins of Heller's said there are no plans at this time to send people from that firm to the rally.

history on their homeland, Baexem, in Holland, I told them how much I loved Holland. A flip of a few pages of their historic archives showed that the Levels (a derivative of my maiden name Leavell) lived in Baexem centuries ago, in fact, had originated from Baexem. The tax rolls indicate my great great great great (I don't know how many) grandfather was the church sexton.

or France.