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Tourism potential

ton and environs is only skimming the surface on efforts to attract tourists to this area may be difficult to accept after seeing the crowds which flock to the olde Hide House. However, the advice comes from a Toronto tourism consultant who told people at a presentation from findings of the Halton Tourism Committee that a tourist's awareness of the Leathertown heritage could create a tourist influx.

North Halton is not tapping its tourist potential, the consultant said, noting that 75 per cent of the tourists who visit this area are only one hour away. North Halton has antiques, local color and the get-away kind of rural attraction that is important to the people of Toronto, he maintains.

Most of us who have lived in this area for years perhaps don't appreciate the attractions which exist here, or within a few miles of us. The olde Hide House has shown what can be accomplished with the right kind of advertising directed at the nearby markets.

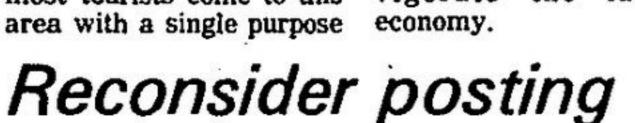
The consultant points out, most tourists come to this area with a single purpose

The information that Ac- in mind and we are missing out on those who may want to do more than just one thing. Few have offered other attractions to entice the estimated 300,000 people who visit the olde Hide House annually.

Tourism creates jobs and money earning an estimated \$18.5 billion a year for Canada, about \$700 a year for every man, woman and child in Canada, About 1.3 million Canadians earn their living by serving the needs of tourists and supplying them with services and goods they need.

When we view tourism in we these terms recognize the enormous potential there is for growth in the industry, and we are barely scratching the surface.

The opportunities are there to develop a thriving tourist industry in Acton and area. All that's needed initiative, the resourcefulness and the capital to expand on it. In view of the inertia which has afflicted industrial expansion in Acton for the last decade tourism could well pick up the slack and invigorate the lagging



When change it's often also found he was without a job a signals a dip into the pork barrel where pre-election Government took power. favors are granted. We see They also erased former evidence of this in the new Mulroney government in Ottawa where the Tories, faced with the last minute sion. appointments by former Prime Minister Pierre ment, in view of the Trudeau to posts which pay very well indeed and have considerable prestige to boot.

Needless to say there was because no doubt the new Government would have liked to reward many of their supporters with some of the plums. As a result, any appointments they could change without drawing public ire were eradicated. Prime example is that of Bryce Mackasey, newly appointed am-

governments bassador to Portugal, he few days after the new Agriculture Minister Gene Whalen from a post in an internation food commis-

Mr. Mackasey's appointunfavorable publicity he has received over the last few years, may indeed have been controversial but the Tories were plainly being mean when they ousted Mr. much gritting of teeth . Whalen from a post where he could have done much good.

> The Government did allow Mr. Whalen to remain as president of the world food council when they realized the extent of his influence and they should reconsider their decision to remove him from that posting in Rome.

Clergy comment

The supreme sacrifice

by Sharon MacDonald

Last time, we stressed the importance in demonstrating the way of Christ as the solution for "The Lost Youth" to overcome their desire to lead unproductive lives. But how do we do this, especially since Christ is no longer living on this earth?

Although Christ has gone to be with the Father, we can still get Christ into our lives. What better way to demonstrate the way of Christ than to be one in Christ! What is even more exciting is this concept is not so ridiculous. Through the repentance of sins and commitment to Christ we become new creatures and are referred "to be in Christ." (See 2 Corinthians 5.17; 1 Corinthians 1,30, 2.12, & 3.16).

Once we are renewed spiritually or "born again," the Bible teaches we are to seek the things of God and be rid of what belongs to our earthly nature such as greed and sexual immorality. While doing this we are to put on "the new man" for we are now a new creation with God's stamp. This means clothing ourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness, patience, forgiveness and above all love. (Colossians 3.5-14) In

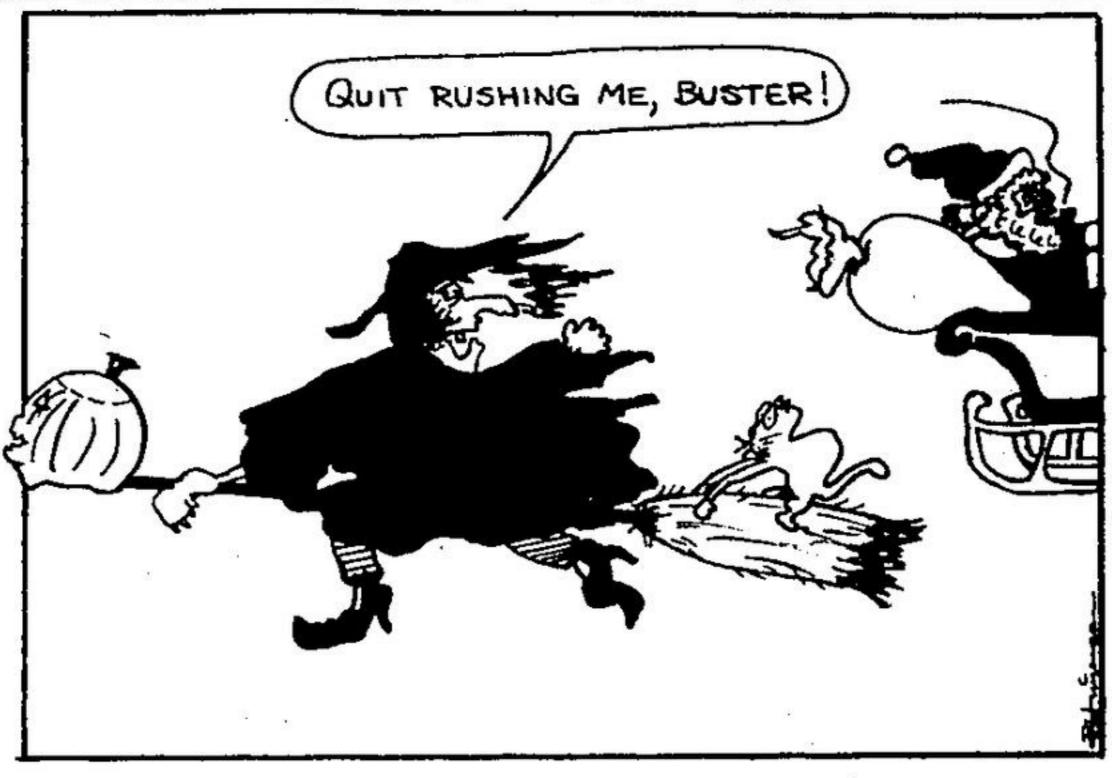
whatever we do, we are to be representatives of Christ. It sounds like a tough act to follow, doesn't it? It also may seem a bit confusing, for what does being a Christian have to do with any of it? After all, there are many philanthropists of this world who portray the characteristics of a good Christian and

their efforts have met little success!

The Bible addresses this question in Colossians 2.20-23. Paul is wondering why the Christians in Colosse are still following the world's idea of being saved through obeying various rules and doing good works. The Living translation says, "These rules may seem good, for rules of this kind require strong devotion and are humiliating and hard on the body, but they have no effect when it comes to conquering a person's evil thoughts and desires. They only make him proud."

So what do we do? Simply this. While we focus our eyes on things above we ask Christ to help us live as we should." (Romans 13.14) Jesus said "For men can only reproduce human life, but the Holy Spirit gives new life from heaven." (John 3.6

Living Translation). This is what the kids need.



Letters

'Journey Into Yesterday opened minds to 200 years of history

Dear Sir.

To You, the communities and residents along the route of the Bicentennial "Journey Into Yesterday"...our sincere appreciation.

This past July and August, we travelled throughout your countryside, retracing the history of Ontario along a route that still holds memories of the tall pines; the cool rivers and the logging camps. It is an area rich with the spirit and courage of the settlers. We called it. . . a Journey Into Yesterday.

The Journey put us in touch with you, your community and our Ontario heritage. It was a Journey for sharing, and you have given us many reasons to remember 1984, this Bicentennial Year with affection and pride.

We will remember the shared celebrations, your hospitality and the deeper meaning to our historic beginnings and our roots. And you gave us many things that will remind all of

us of the past generations, . . things that can be shared with future generations. Many communities participated by preparing

special quilt squares, stitched with the name and founding date of the community, and with the names of the pioneer families. Together, these will become the "Journey Quilt."

The written histories of the towns and villages, will

each form a chapter in the collection of history along the Journey route.

The descendants of the pioneer families have filled the scrolls with their signatures and recorded the names of the settlers, their land grants and dates. From infants to grandparents, the scrolls record your stories.

Together, we have forged links with our unique Ontario heritage.

The Journey Into Yesterday fulfilled our hopes. It opened our minds to 200 years of achievement. It opened our eyes to the natural beauty of the Ontario landscape and fired our enthusiasm for an historic route that others may travel, year-round. Here they will count the milestones of the Blcentennial years, they will touch base with their heritage and they will experience the Ontario adventure.

We look forward to sharing this collection with you. You will be notified when it will be coming to your community.

> Mavis McCullum, Project Chairman, Ontario Trail Riders Association, Inc., R.R. 3, (Cherry Street), Stouffville, Ontario LOH 1LO, 416-473-344F

'Smokey Smith'

I consider it my pleasure, While I sit and blow some smoke, To burn this tar inside the car, Regardless of who might choke.

Sister Sarah draws her cigar, While father puffs his pipe. We're all enclosed, windows closed, We're not fresh air types.

But, we have our seatbelts fastened, All shackled to the seat, In our prison cell we ride quite well, And can move our heads and feet.

I light another cigarette, And fill the air with tar, They can pass some laws, but I have my draws. Riding safely in the car.

If we have an accident. And a fire should ensue, Would it be belt or cigarette? That causes the barbecue.

Since I'm only "Smokey Smith," I won't say what I saw, But I'll sit and puff, 'till I've had enough,

And grey the seatbelt-law."

While smoking I'm above the law, When I sit and play with fire, I don't mind the welts from seatbelts.

I'll pull my pants up much higher. Here I am old Smokey Smith, Behind the fatal wheel, Tho' eyes may smart, I have no

heart. For how my passengers feel.

—Victor Smith.

Ontario women underpaid

Report from

Queen's Park

by JULIAN REED M.P.P. Halton-Burlington

Recently released government statistics show that Ontario's working women are being underpaid by \$1-billion to \$3-billion a year because the province has failed to institute legislation to ensure equal pay for work of equal value.

A report prepared for the Ministry of Labour by economist Morley Gunderson said the final bill might even go as high as \$6billion. He maintained that the present law, which provides for equal: pay for work which is substantially the same, counters 'wage discrimination within the same occupation but cannot solve the problem of female job ghettos.

The Minister of Labor has stated that the province is not ready to introduce an equal-value law because he is concerned that it would place a burden on a sputtering economy, commenting that he believes in the principle but worries about the complexities of introducing such a law at this time.

Gunderson's report said there is great debate about how much an equal-value law would cost. However, he estimated that, based on 400,000 to one million working women "and likely adjustments of \$2,000 to \$3,000 per person, the total

cost of a fairly broad application of the equal-value principle to Ontario could be . . . \$1-billion to \$3billion." He said that, whether the argument is justified or not, cost is identified as an obstacle to the adoption of equal-value laws. "There are two chief worries: one is that the increase of production costs vis-a-vis foreign competitors will place an industry whose employees are predominantly female at a disadvantage and the other is that employment of females will be discouraged."

Therapeutic Heroin use

The Ontario Legislature has unanimously passed a motion to urge legalization of the therapeutic use of heroin. This parliamentary resolution calling for the federal government to amend the Narcotics Control Act to give terminally ill patients access to heroin was moved by Vince Kerrio, Liberal MPP for Niagara Falls, and seconded by Liberal House Leader Robert Nixon.

In presenting the motion, Mr. Kerrio quoted extensively from the work of Dr. Kenneth Walker, a newspaper columnist who has crusaded to persuade the federal government to allow the use of the narcotic. "The potential for misuse of the drug or illegal distribution of the drug should never be allowed to overcome the potential benefits of dying patients and their families,"

said Mr. Kerrio. Although heroin has been banned in Canada since 1964, he stated, it is now legal for medical use in 38 countries including the United Kingdom. It is widely viewed as a more successful painkiller than morphine-which is legal in Canada, and Dr. Walker contends that any additional problems legalization poses can be controll-

Hospital-Bed crisis

After the regular business of the Legislature ended at 10,30 p.m. on Tuesday, October 23, Bill Wrye (Liberal MPP for Windsor-Sandwich) stood to raise the issue of a Conservative Government promise of more than a decade ago to build a chronic-care hospital in his constituency. Such questioning is permitted

under legislative rules, upon prior notice having been given to the Speaker, if a member believes a query has been inadequately dealt with in question period earlier in the day. It is customary for the Cabinet Minister being questioned, or a parliamentary assistant, to be present to reply. However, while Mr. Wrye gave an impassioned speech on his city's hospital bed situation, only four fellow Liberals and two New Democrats listened. The 71 government seats were entirely empty, after the six Conservatives who had been in the House at the end of regular debate left as Mr. Wrye began to speak.

There were accusations of government arrogance at the absence of Conservative Members. Rules of the House permit this type of debate, and government absenteeism showed "disdain for the whole process."

Deputy Liberal Leader Sean Conway said it is an "elementary courtesy" to have at least one Government Member present, and the Speaker of the House agreed that parliamentary courtesy had been breached, although he said he did not know if any rules had acutally been broken.

Back issues

10 years ago

Nov. 13, 1974 A police funeral will be held Thursday afternoon Christopher's Anglican Church, Burlington, for Acton OPP Cons. Paul Brown, who was shot here Sunday afternoon.

On Sunday afternoon at 3.45 Cons. Brown ran from his house on 172 Jeffrey Ave., fell on the lawn of next door neighbors Mr. and Mrs. Charles Perry, and died almost at

His wife Roseanne Brown, 28, was charged with murder.

Treasurer Harry Henderson assured members of Hallon Hills finance Committee that the town's finances looked to be in pretty good shape up until the er'd of September.

Repairs to the Acton arena roof are estimated at \$100,000 it was revealed at Halton Hills committee.

20 years ago

Thurs., Nov. 9, 1964

After serving Acton and district for 42 years in the dairy business. Masales Dairy has been sold to Acton Jersey Dairy.

Gordon Ralston, president of Acton Box Co., announced this week the firm has purchased the former Acton Jersey Dairy on Hwy. 7, east of Town, and will move into the premises the first of next month.

Acton was enveloped in total darkness Thursday night of last week when a cross bar pin came loose and the wooden bar fell across high tension lines on Acton Blvd.

50 years ago

Thurs. Nov. 5, 1934 Sir Donald Mann, one of the last

great Canadians to link the cast and west, and a native of Acton, passed away suddenly on Saturday at his home 161 George St. In Toronto In his 82nd year. The funeral was held * Tuesday afternoon with interment at Fairview cemetery in Acton. In 1886 the firm of MacKenzie, Mann and Company was established to build the Edmonton, Que' Appelle, Long Lac and Saskatchewan Railways. Mann was born in Acton in 1853

and educated in area public schools. Clothing to the value of about \$300 is ready for shipment to Western Canada as a result of the work of the ladies of the community. It will go forward to Dr. J.C. Cormie, at Winnepeg, and be distributed from there to the sections of the west requiring the assistance.

Chas. Spears, of the tenth line, Erin was surprised to find seven deer munching on his corn stock this

75 years ago

Nov. 11, 1909 A meeting for the purpose of re-

organizing the Acton Jr. hockey club was held Wednesday evening and the following were elected; A.J. Lebman hon president, E.R. Biggar president, W.A. Storey vice pres, Sec. Treasurer C. Clark, manager F.A. McLean and captain M. McEachern. A letter was received last week by

Mr. Wm. Williams from his daughter Mrs. William Macpherson, saying that their tent and most of their clothing had been destroyed by fire a few days previously. Mrs. MacPherson's husband is a worker on the Canadian Northern Railway.

With the continued fine weather this week the farmers have been able to complete all their farm work for the season.

Acton people having claims against the defunct York City Loan and Savings Co. have, during the week, received cheques for the first dividend.

100 years ago

Nov. 13, 1884

On Monday morning last, Mr. Thos. Christle, who for the past six years was so well and favorably known as a partner in the firm Demosey and Christie, left for Galt to enter into the dry goods business with Mr. Groff, of Harriston.

Those who visit Acton and fall to look in at Mr. Storey's glove establishment lose a treat. Over 100 intelligent looking and neat operators in lively activity at their work in very comfortable quarters, present an attractive appearance.

> Letters : are welcome