



Blarney at Erin
The Erin Advocate last week re-carried a story of the Toronto Tely's about the village, and tells as one of the highlights about the place that there is a piece of stone from Blarney Castle there, that's guaranteed to bring as good results as the original. The piece of Blarney-giving stone is located in Stanley Park, just out of reach.

"It's great fun watching fellows boost their girls up to kiss the stone," chuckles William Bailey, who runs the park.

More at St. Andrews
On this page last week was an account of the C.W.N.A. convention at St. Andrews, which the editor and Mrs. Dills attended. Editor E. A. Harris of the Burlington Gazette also writes about the trip in his paper last week. On the front page of the Oakville Trafalgar Journal is a picture of its editor, Casey Woods, Jr. accepting the trophy he won there for his paper. Editor and Mrs. Bligh of the Georgetown Herald were also at the convention, and news editor and Mrs. W. D. Cotton of the Oakville Trafalgar Journal.

Another Jake
Here's a story left over from the Exhibition.

An elderly couple from the country were visiting the electrical building and stopped to peer through the glass panel of a demonstration automatic washing machine at a bunch of laundry being swirled and splashed by the water. "Well," said the lady, "if that's television, they can have it."

Tomatoes by the Ton
These days the aroma of tomatoes hangs over Burlington. They're canning about 200 tons of them a day in one of the town's main industries. Employees work in 10-hour shifts at the height of the season.

At the Fairs
Georgetown fair last Saturday held a draw for a Hereford calf, with the proceeds to help pay for a new building. Members of the Terra Cotta W.I.

old cook books in connection with their exhibit—another novel twist to money-raising.

Brampton clown band was a chief attraction at the Glen Williams fair on September 6.

Sunday Sports?
The question of Sunday sport is really a serious one for Burlington. To quote the Burlington Gazette:

"If a Sunday sports plebiscite is unsuccessful and courts uphold complaints sworn out against 47 concessionaires on the five-mile Burlington Beach strip, for operating amusement rides and bingo games on Sunday, they face financial ruin, they say.

"The 47 have already been summoned and remanded to October 29 for hearing. The operating of businesses on Sunday in the area was given prominence when Rev. N. H. Kroeker of Beach Gospel hall swore out complaints against the concession operators.

"Earlier a 500-name petition had asked for a vote on the Sunday sports issue. Date of the plebiscite has been set for Oct. 1st.

"Rev. Mr. Kroeker, who came to this district a year ago, said he is attempting 'to lead the people to do the right thing.' However, he added, if the majority vote for Sunday sports he will not take the matter any further. Amusements have been in operation along the beach for many years."

World's Wonders
This column called "News" brings items of interest from the district usually, but this week is taking a new step and travelling in a different direction—neither north, east, west or south. It's back in time, after reading an interesting item in the Burlington Gazette of Wednesday of last week.

The item said, "How many readers can name the so-called seven wonders of the world?"

And how many can? Try it, before you read these answers as given by the Halton county paper! It says, "They are the Great

Fire Brick Company Has Annual Picnic

Fine weather and beautiful country surroundings contributed towards a jovial afternoon's fun enjoyed by A. P. Green Fire Brick employees and their families from both the Weston and Acton plants and offices. This was the setting of the Company's annual picnic held August 22 at Terra Cotta. Approximately 190 persons attended the gathering.

Picnic contests and games were run off in the afternoon and participated in by both children and adults. A loud speaker system on the grounds announced all events as they took place and directed everyone to the different events throughout the grounds.

Ponies were transported to the grounds for the children and many enjoyed the swimming later in the day.

Prizes and refreshments were supplied by the Company, as well as bus transportation to and from Terra Cotta. An inter-departmental baseball game climaxed the picnic activities after supper and continued until midnight.

Acton employees with their wives and families left the plant in cars to attend the picnic, which was held about halfway between the two plants.

Pyramid of Giza, Egypt; the Hanging Gardens of Babylon; the Statue of Zeus of Olympia; the Temple of Diana at Ephesus; the Tomb of Mausolus at Halicarnassus; the Pharos or Lighthouse of Alexandria; and the Colossus of Rhodes. The latter, a statue of Apollo, stood 70 cubits (approximately 100 feet) high.

These were man-made wonders. Many of the world's natural wonders are in the western hemisphere and they include Trinidad's Pitch Lake, an inextinguishable 100-acre body of asphalt; Yellowstone's geysers; Utah's Rainbow Bridge; the Brazil nut tree far up the Amazon River, said to be the only food used by a man which man has never successfully planted. The size of the Great Banyan Tree at Calcutta staggers the imagination—it covers three acres now and is said to be growing so rapidly that it will cover 20 acres within 20 years!

Chronicles of Ginger Farm

Written Specially for the Acton Free Press by Gwendolyn F. Clarke

Getting the idea you know it all is a bad policy at any time but when it comes to bus and train scheduling it is disastrous. So, dear friends, if you are planning a trip by either method of transportation—or if you are advising friends who may be planning to visit you, I would suggest that you study your train time-tables and bus schedules very carefully. This advice comes to you, free of charge, because of a recent personal experience.

Our niece Betty was recently transferred from La Cave to the new hydro project at Niagara Falls. We knew she would be coming to visit us off and on so I sent her an up-to-date local bus schedule from Burlington to Milton which showed that she could catch a bus from Burlington which would arrive here at 1:30. That was three weeks ago. Last Saturday was her first chance to visit us.

We were just sitting down to dinner when the phone rang. It was Betty. This was her tale of woe. "Aunt Gwen, they have stopped running the noon bus. I am stranded here at Bronte!" Oh-oh—and Bronte was twenty miles away. Bob was down at Oakville—now if only I could catch him by phone before he left, I phoned. "I'm sorry, Bob Clarke has just left."

Partner told me to never mind dinner—go on down—he could manage. But I had a sort of hunch. I thought I wouldn't be in too big a hurry. It just might be that Bob would be home early and he could stand the twenty-mile drive in the heat better than I could. Sure enough, in about ten minutes along came Bob. I ran out to tell him the news and he turned around and went back again without ever turning off the ignition.

Now the moral of this story lies in the fact that this little mix-up could have been avoided had I not been so sure of myself, because a local time-table was published in our weekly paper two weeks running. I saw it but did not even read it as it did not draw attention to the fact that any changes had been made.

So you see what I mean, friends—you can't even trust the trains and buses these days—they are as unpredictable as the weather. The weather... ah, yes! Until this morning we were getting very uneasy about conditions at Ginger Farm—about the whole district in fact, as the prolonged dry spell, added to the scorching heat which prevailed last week, was certainly hard on man and beast alike, to say nothing of the pastures.

Our elstern was practically dry and the well low enough to give us cause for anxiety. And then, during the night, we woke up and heard that life-giving rain. Not only that but the heat wave seems to be broken. There is definitely a freshness in the air. Believe me, we are very thankful.

I expect there will be a flurry of activity on the wheat ground after the rain—until now the land has been far too dry for sowing. We have not been worried on our own account as, for the second year in succession, we are not putting in any wheat. The cows and chickens seem to be all we can handle these days—that is, unless we hire extra help. And trying to hire help would be one continual worry—farm help these days has a way of being here to-day and gone to-morrow.

It seems strange there should be this shortage of farm help. Hours are shorter than used to be; wages are better; work is easier—at least it is supposed to be. But we sometimes wonder! When power machinery breaks down it certainly causes a lot of grief, hard work and delay before whatever is broken gets fixed again. I suppose it just is that the lure of the land is not as strong as it used to be... city lights are too bright-by contrast.

And speaking of lights. We drove to Toronto yesterday to see Daughter. Coming home the traffic was terrific. I watched the continuous stream of bright lights flashing by, and I marvelled. How many hundreds of cars were on that one stretch of the Queen Elizabeth Way. I wondered—and how many millions of dollars did those cars represent? If we knew the answer, the figure, I am sure, would be staggering. And how many sorts and conditions of people were those cars carrying? And how? ... but there is no limit to the questions one might ask about the cars and the people they carry. It is the things we don't know about the people we never meet that always intrigues and interests me.

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Silence Observed For Former Member

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During the opening exercises, a moment of silence was observed in memory of Miss Margaret Garvin, a former member, who has passed away since the last meeting.

Mrs. Robert MacArthur, who has been assistant secretary, agreed to act as secretary for the balance of the year to replace Mrs. Sirrs, and Mrs. E. E. Barr volunteered to act as assistant secretary.

Almost the entire meeting was given over to discussion with regard to the annual bazaar. Hostesses for the evening were Mrs. McNabb, Mrs. Hamilton, Mrs. E. W. Smith and Mrs. Thorarinson.

Against Toll Roads That Boom in U.S.

Canadian governments have so far shown official indifference to the lure of the toll road which is experiencing unprecedented popularity in the United States.

Example: Premier Leslie Frost's statement that the province is in no position at present to consider building a turnpike across southern Ontario where U.S. motor carriers short-cut across Canadian soil.

It reflects the attitude of officials of other provinces.

State governments have shown no such reticence and numerous pieces of legislation are now before the state legislatures to build turnpikes.

With business on U.S. toll roads rocketing to dizzy heights, the states feel they have hit the jackpot; that they have found a solution to many of the difficulties that beset them on the road.

On the New Jersey Turnpike, traffic has exceeded all expectations. It is estimated that vehicles using this 118-mile highway this year will be 134 million, which is only 300,000 vehicles short of the original estimate for 1957. It was expected that 1952 traffic would be 84 million vehicles.

The turnpike cost \$225 million to build and was financed by revenue bonds sold on a forward-commitment basis. The project is expected to be self-liquidating. The tolls vary from 20 cents to \$5; the toll for a passenger car travelling the entire 118 miles is \$1.75.

It is planned to link the New Jersey Turnpike with the Pennsylvania Turnpike. The last, opened in 1940, is the oldest of the modern crop of toll roads. The second is scheduled to come into operation in 1954. The State of New York has approved a \$500 million bond issue to finance construction of the 535-mile "thruway" from New York City to Buffalo.

The popularity of the roads, say U.S. officials, hinges on their qualitative superiority and the time-saving directness in comparison with the free ways.

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