

EDITORIAL

Crack of Dawn

If our editorial comment this week smacks a bit of northern Ontario it is perhaps best to explain at the outset that since last issue the editor has visited in Ontario northland. Last week in conversation with some friends one of them told of the glories of the early morning and of the beauty of the sunrise. To get an early start on our trip and avoid heavy traffic we decided to experience this pre-sunrise grandeur.

Guess we picked the wrong morning. It was cloudy and hazy and while it was yet dark when we got up we decided anybody else who wants it can have "the crack of dawn," as far as we are concerned until we slip back off daylight saving time and necessity forces us to get up while it is yet dark in the morning. True, there isn't any traffic on the highways, but there isn't much of anything else except the morning air which is much fresher than under the heat of a summer sun.

The only work we observed on the farms was the cattle who were in production without human aid. That's one place the farmer scores. His production line of milk and beef starts of its own accord during the summer months without the boss even turning a button.

The first hour and a half we agreed with the philosophy of our friend about early morning grandeur. Then the sleep we had lost started to overtake us. We've had our experience. Anybody else wants to can take a "crack at dawn." We won't be in the way of your start.

Split Levels

We've been watching new building trends of the modern homes. In southern Ontario where the lands are very level, or can be easily levelled, we've seen the development of the split level homes. We haven't been much impressed by this type of construction unless the lot on which it is built is graded to conform with the contour of building and its use.

It is said there is nothing new under the sun. Getting up into the mining section of Northern Ontario the need of split-level construction can seem very feasible. Take Cobalt for instance. How anything else but split level building, could be done there is quite understandable. Matter of fact, it appears to have been carried to the extreme in this mining town of 2300 people. Even the streets and highway are so split in levels that curves and grades are necessary to get through the town let alone get around in it. Cobalt is not a new town, so the split level idea of building must have originated in the north and spread its influence into the building plans of southern Ontario in the past half century.

We find a drive through Cobalt intriguing. We are not sure, however, if it would be appreciated if it were daily routine. Cobalt is famous for its silver. Perhaps it was also the originator of the plans for split-level dwellings.

The Human Element

The Dominion Day holiday and long weekend is over. The bathing beaches and the highways have taken a heavy toll. Sunday we came down from Kirkland Lake as far as Gravenhurst. The heat and the traffic decided that for both car and driver that was sufficient.

Sunday night we stopped at a motel along the highway and for an hour watched the motor traffic headed in both directions. We saw beaches crowded with holidayers, many of whom we presume didn't know how to swim. Considering the number of newcomers to the beaches and the number of motor vehicles on the highways and the distances covered, we wondered if the toll taken in the three days was out of proportion. True, much of it was unnecessary but if we are going to have greater and greater participation in these pleasures the ratio of lives lost may be on the increase instead of lower. If the toll is to be kept in bounds more care would seem to be the only answer.

We travelled over 800 miles on Ontario highways during the week. We saw no careless driving. We saw only two mishaps where cars had gone off the highway and out of control on the

soft shoulders. No one was injured in either instance but the only reason for the mishap would seem to have been a speed that was excessive for the curves which had been attempted.

There are times when speeds of less than 50 miles per hour are required. Just because the signs say 50 is the limit does not give a licence to travel at that speed. The modern motor car used right can be safe. The human element is the one that usually is at fault.

Real or Imaginary Problems

One sometimes wonders if all our worries and preparation and our concern over the attitude of people and government of other lands is half as important as the perils in our own country and of our own making.

Just recently the ramifications of the drug traffic in Vancouver have been coming to the open. Laxity in our law enforcement has been charged. There has been an investigation and other investigations will follow but will clean-up be thorough.

Recently a series of accidents followed a party at a golf club north of Toronto where apparently the entire attraction was not golf. One man was killed and several more were charged with impaired driving. It will be interesting to learn of the disposition of the mess when the court and some clever lawyers get it sorted out.

Every day of the week our accident toll of the highways mounts and one of the biggest causes is not the motor car or bad highways but driving by people who are unfit to be behind the wheel. Made unfit by beverages which are distributed and legalized by those who make and have supervision over those who enforce the laws. Evidence is at hand in the news of every day on the duplicity of our policy of legalized sale of intoxicating beverages and our false front of safety on the highways, protection of homes.

Would it not be better to clean up the over-indulgence of our own people and pay less attention to the supposed dangers which face us from Russia or China or elsewhere? Are we paying too much attention to probabilities and too little heed to our home problems?

Fifty Years Apart

The other day we drove along the street and some children were playing in a small pile of sand. They were patting and rolling up little balls of mud. Reminding us of our own childhood days we asked if they were making mud pies.

We were greeted with a disgusted and emphatic "No" from one of the little girls. "They're meat balls." The menu change in a half century even to the make-believe pastimes of childhood.

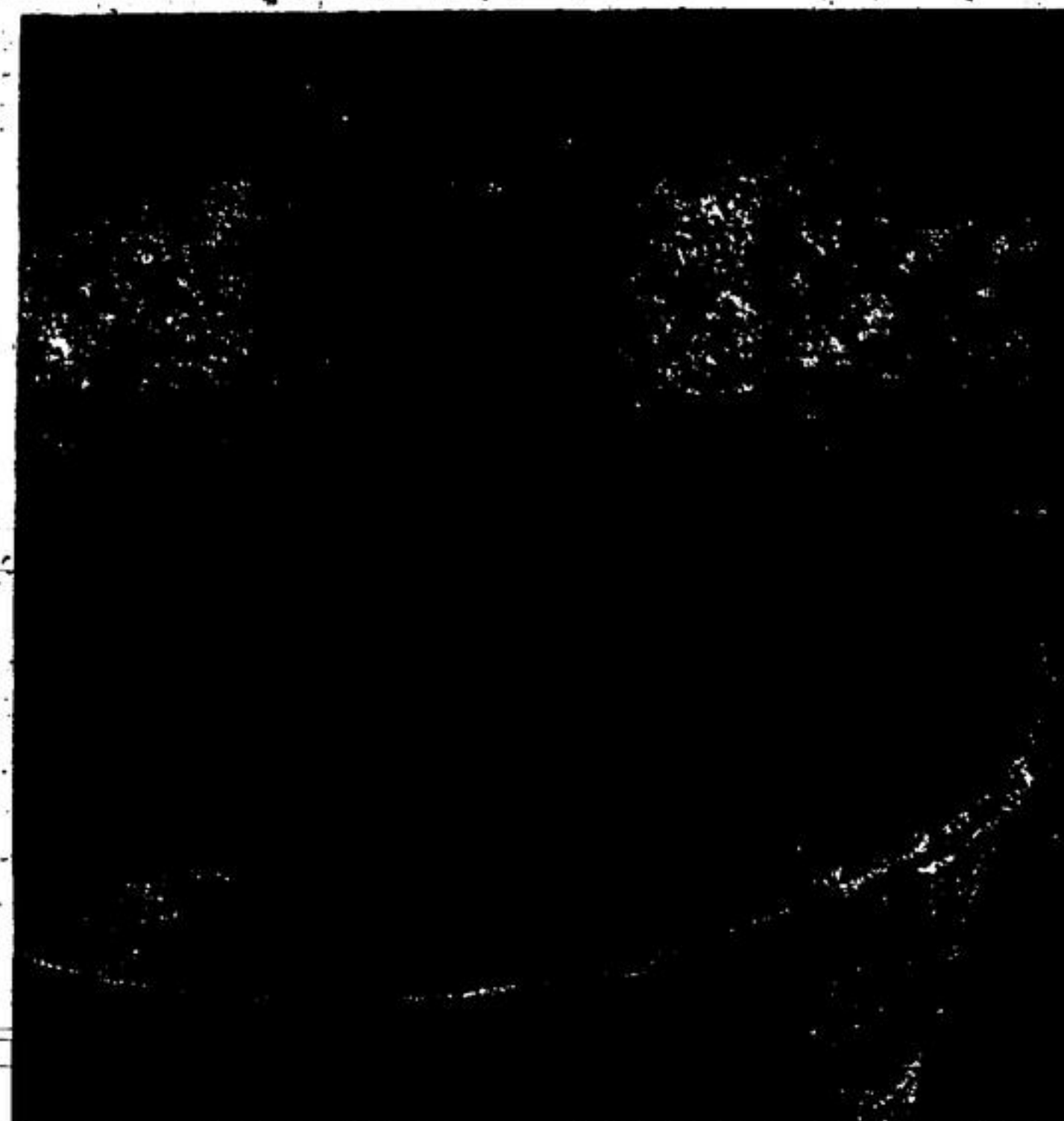
Brief Comment

Taxpayers are getting more and more chary of saying "Yes" to measures that directly affect their pocketbook. They have to be sold.—Kimberly (B.C.) News.

Vacation plans are now being made and there will be disrupted schedules in production in many items. Interruption of the home town newspaper will be the week of July 25th with no paper on July 28th.

Automotive industry can make better cars, but unfortunately not better drivers, points out the Windsor Star. "No matter how good a car may be, no matter how many safety gadgets it may have, it can still get involved in an accident. If the drivers of cars are careless, they can cause crashes. The better cars need better drivers."

Auto registrations increased six per cent. last year over the year before, figures now show, reports The Financial Post. They exclude Quebec Newfoundland had the largest increase, 16 per cent. Other increases were: British Columbia, seven per cent.; Ontario, Alberta and Yukon, each six per cent.; New Brunswick, five per cent.; Saskatchewan, four per cent.; Prince Edward Island, Nova Scotia and Manitoba, three per cent.



BEAT THE HEAT if you can, any way you can, was the idea first and foremost in the minds of everybody over the July 1 week-end as the mercury throbbed around the 90 to 100 degree mark to bring the hottest spell yet this year. This cool idea suits the little lady to a "T" the T standing for tub, naturally, full of water.

NORTH WEST EAST SOUTH

To Vote or Not to Vote
In Brantford, the much-debated senior question got hung up again with the announcement last week that there'll be no vote yet not until the end of July, anyway when it's expected "complications and details" will be smoothed over regarding cost. If the vote isn't taken in July, one source surmises it won't likely come until September.

Only Us Chickens
In Georgetown one night last week, two police officers on patrol drove around behind the big IGA supermarket, found two men standing by their car at the rear entrance to the store. The nightbirds protested they were just chatting a bit, but when police noticed a number of saws, crowbars, etc. in the back seat, the pair was hauled off and charged with attempted break-in.

The Battle Over
In Burlington, the Lambert vs. Recreation Commission battle, wherein the former recreation director was fired by the commission and no public reason given, is over. A letter from the Citizens' Committee, set up to defend Lambert, says a settlement of \$700 and costs was made with Lambert who is evidently the winner.

High Class Tea Trouble
In Oakville, it's reported a Trafalgar township woman is prepared to sue the township for \$50,000 unless she's granted a license to operate a tea room at her residence. At the time the place was purchased, the woman claimed, there were no restrictions against a tea room in the area and one councillor substantiated this. But while some said a "high class" tea room would be welcome, other citizens in the area are protesting.

Pressure on Bronte
In Oakville last week, it was announced the Oakville-Trafalgar Memorial hospital campaign for \$440,000 is some \$50,000 short of goal. For some reason or other, Bronte is going to be the target of the campaign to clean off the objective. The Board has some \$200,000 cash and pledges amounting to about \$187,000.

A Curious Family
In Georgetown, a columnist tells of a group of construction men near Speyside digging from the bed of a creek, a family of mud puppets. These frightening little creatures, who can breathe in or out of water have four short legs, a frog-like head and scaly body. Often they grow to about 16 inches, can live for 25 years and are not often found by humans.

Water Here and There
In Milton, the problem of delivering water to the north section of town in sufficient quantities again posed headaches for Council last week as members went into an extensive study of pipes and proposals for a solution. At the same meeting, Council agreed to give no more permits for water to those living on the outside limits of town.

No Historical Sense
In Milton last week, a speaker at the Rotary Club scored Canada's lack of national pride and spirit underlining his remarks with tales of American ignorance of Canada. He attacked the dissemination of Canada's citizens and government to preserve historical documents and relics said the country did not even own a national library.

Holiday Fatality At Lake Simcoe

Friends were indeed sorry to learn that one of the holiday weekend accidents was a tragedy to relatives in Acton. Charles McPherson, who drowned at Barrie on Saturday, is the nephew of Mrs. Peter S. Suter, Toronto. Mr. McPherson was rescued, after being discovered hanging to the overturned 16-foot motor boat about 6 a.m. by two Toronto fishermen. Mr. McPherson was missing and believed to have drowned.

The three had set out from Pine Beach near Keswick Friday afternoon to go to Eight Mile Point, five miles south of Orillia. A sudden storm swamped the boat. Around midnight Mr. McPherson was reported to have slipped from the boat.

THE GOOD OLD DAYS MAY HAVE SEEMED BETTER

BACK IN 1935

Taken from the issue of the Free Press of Thursday, July 11, 1935.

The results of the Acton high school examinations are announced this week, and again every pupil of Acton school was successful at these examinations. There were 32 pupils from Acton school. This is another record in which Acton may have pride in its school and teachers. The annual prize awarded by the Duke of Devonshire chapter of the L.O.E. goes this year to Bing Brando, who won the highest standing.

Ideal weather and the spot which seems so popular—Edgewood Park—combined to make the annual picnic of the United church Sunday school a real success. Married and single men played ball for a gold cup, the symbol of supremacy. Unfortunately, the score keeper broke his pencil so the final score is not available and in some dispute.

One of the largest church parades to assemble in some years was held on Sunday evening by Acton L.O.L. Led by Acton Citizens' Band and the Fire and Drum band from Stewarttown, the parade went to St. Alban's church.

Ethel Franklin is the congregational organist, high standing in her recent examination at the Toronto Conservatory of Music. Ethel is a pupil of Mrs. L. A. Worden.

Saturday night crowds in Acton seem to be getting bigger and bigger each week. Apparently the countryside enjoys shopping and visiting Acton in numbers on the week-end.

At the piano recital of Mrs. Mary Gowdy last week, the teacher was presented with a pen and pencil set by her pupils Miss Meryl Grundell presided.

The tenth annual Caldwell reunion was held at Hockley on June 29. Mr. George Day left Rockwood last week to take up duties at the post office at Elgin House, Muskoka.

BACK IN 1905

Taken from the issue of the Free Press of Thursday, July 6, 1905.

Rev. J. J. Feeny, the faithful, energetic and popular rector of St. Joseph's church completed his 25th year since ordination to the priesthood last Thursday. Solemn and appropriate ceremonies commemorating the event were held in the church.

The Junior Leaving and Matriculation examinations are in progress at the school this week. 15 candidates are writing.

John Watson, G.T.R. pumpman, purchased the old dwelling which has been on the G.T.R. property near Queen St. for the past 50 years and last Thursday essayed to move it to his property on Bower Ave. His contractor had got it on Church St. as far as the Methodist parsonage when it suddenly collapsed and the spendidite purchaser found only a pile of debris on his hands. The most of the material was promptly cleared away but an unsightly heap of lath and plaster still adorns the pastor's boulevard.

Acton ought to be plentifully supplied with teachers in a few years if the number of pupils now studying is any indication. Last Thursday Miss Thompson's pupils presented a concert in the town hall. Taking part were Herbert Mann, Miss Edna Thompson, Lottie and Hazel Mason, Ethel Hunter, Daisy Robinson, Maggie Harvey, May Hawthorne, Gertie Swackhamer and Jessie Harvey.

The corporation hay rack should be cut at once. The streets are looking very ragged in places.

Mrs. Robert Agnew, the Free Press's first subscriber, called in to renew her subscription this week. The baseball tournament on Saturday was somewhat interfered with by rain. Guelph tried conclusions with Acton and went down in a closely contested match 3-2.

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SUNDAY, JULY 10th, 1955
9:55 a.m.—Sunday School
11:15 a.m.—Morning Worship
7:00 p.m.—Evening Worship in
St. Alban's church.

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SUNDAY, JULY 10th, 1955
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11:00 a.m.—Baptismal Service
7:00 p.m.—Evening service in St. Alban's church.

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SUNDAY, JULY 10th, 1955
TRINITY V
8:30 a.m.—Holy Communion
11:00 a.m.—Morning Prayer and Sermon
7:00 p.m.—Shortened Evensong and Sermon. (A Union Service of all Acton churches.)

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SUNDAY, JULY 10th, 1955
10:00 a.m.—Sunday School
11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship
7:30 p.m.—Evangelistic Service
Wednesday: 8 p.m.—Cottage pray-
er meeting and Bible study.