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About Father's Day

Another among the many special days of the year comes next Sunday when Father's Day is marked.

No one would be so daring as to suggest what day or days should be eliminated.

Of course, in order to be crowded in the calendar such a day must needs fall in mid-year—just after recovery from last Christmas and with a lapse of time before preparation for next Christmas.

But according to present day custom, next Sunday is Father's Day and whether it's embarrassing or not, Dad has the pedestal this year again in mid-June.

An Every-Day Parade

Read in one of our exchanges during the week where a parade was being planned to inaugurate "Clean-up Week".

After the parade has gone by and the music of the bands dies away, we often wonder if the spirit of enthusiasm does not wane as quickly as it has been stirred up.

The other day we watched a group of Boy Scouts at one of their events. Many a time we've watched them after a few days camping or outing.

Heavy Traffic
The paving activity on No. 7 indicates that the heavy traffic on this artery wears out quickly and indicates that No. 7 carries a big load.

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Not Civic Minded?

Canadians aren't very interested in the activities of their municipal governments, despite the fact that civic legislators handle budgets totalling more than \$850 millions a year.

The survey showed an average 43.5% vote for the chief elective office in the cities ranging from a low of 23.7% in Regina to a high of 81.5% in Ottawa.

A Heavy Burden

Men in public life these days carry a weighty burden. Last few weeks the headlines in Canadian daily papers screamed about the debates and furor in the Canadian parliament.

The scene shifted at week-end to the illness of the President of the United States when he had to undergo an emergency operation.

With so many means of rapid mass communication today the headlines can shift easily from those in public affairs in Canada and the United States to Europe and even to Monaco.

Built-in Power

A little over a 100 years ago there was serious talk of establishing a floating island in mid-Atlantic as a fueling base for steamers.

Since she took to the water a year and a half ago the world's first atomic-powered submarine, the U.S.S. "Nautilus" has cruised 30,000 miles and she is still running on her original fuel built right in when the ship was built.

Imagine travelling around the world at the Equator with a side-joint of 5,000 miles as well and never a pause for coal or oil or gas.

Brief Comment

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SPRING'S HARBINGERS suffered this year, some making a poor show and others not at all. The daffodils did manage to make a show, though not as long lasting as in other years, and here and there local gardens colored out in clusters of yellow and white while the delightful spring flower had its brief stay.

The Bible Today

REV. G. P. PARSON, District Secretary, Upper Canada Bible Society

A wood-bound, war-battered Bible portion or gospel in the Amharic language was brought into the Bible House in Toronto recently.

This artistic and intricate script is one of more than 60 used in printing the Bible by the Bible Society. The Bible's influence in Ethiopia is very great today.

A striking contrast exists between Christian Ethiopia and Muslim Arabia. Both of these neighboring countries, in the sixth century A.D., had an equal share of the Christian activity.

Today in Ethiopia the ancient way of life is changing and most notably in the popular demand for secular education. With three times the number of schools there were only 10 years ago, every school seat could be filled twice over.

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REMEMBER THOSE Good Old Days

BACK IN 1936

Taken from the issue of the Free Press of Thursday, June 13, 1936. Under leadership of Acton Y.M.C.A., this community enjoyed a new experience on Monday evening when 10 numbers which had been chosen by Mr. Roy Lockley, musical director of C.P.R.B., gave an Acton program over that station.

Between eight and nine, there wasn't a soul on Acton streets but every radio in town was turned on. Jack Reid, one of the younger Y.M.C.A. directors, addressed the audience. Mrs. Gowdy and Miss Ruth Gibson were accompanists.

On the program were Rev. and Mrs. G. I. Stephenson, and family of Limehouse; Gordon Gibbins and John McHugh; Gordon Cook and his entertainers; Marie Brunelle; Betty Gibson and Billie Vincent; Acton public school girls' double trio, Frances Chisholm, Olive Rogers, Dorothy Baylis, Bertha Blyth, Eleanor Joque, Dorothy Arnold; Miss Webb, Ospringe; Mrs. Cameron Leishman; Messrs. Davis, Smithurst and Scott, Limehouse; and Miss Ruth Gibson.

A fine collection of historical books has been added to the Acton Free Library this week, a gift of Mr. H. N. Farmer. It is a collection of over 50 bound volumes of the Illustrated London News.

The first of the Diamond Jubilee services was held at the United Church on Sunday. There were many visitors. Special preacher was Rev. T. Albert Moore, the general secretary of the United Church of Canada.

The largest streamlined locomotive in the world has been delivered to the C.M.R. for test runs. It has an estimated speed of over 100 miles an hour and lacks such locomotive "gadgets" as smokestack, cow catcher, bell and automatic coupler.

Mr. James B. Chalmers received world last evening that he has been granted a pension from the War Department in Washington for services in the Spanish-American war in 1898.

A new lighting system is being installed on the main street of Georgetown.

Oakville is to have a new \$20,000 hotel with 50 rooms, known as the King Edward.

The street sprinkler has at last got down to business. Mr. John Thomas and Messrs. Geo. Rozel and two sons went to Eagle Lake, Ont., last week on a prospecting tour.

At the last meeting of Milton council, clerk Coates salary was increased to \$400 per annum. The address of Rev. Mr. Cooksey, missionary from Morocco in Knox church Tuesday evening is characterized by those present as one of the most able and instructive missionary addresses ever delivered in Acton. His description of the manners and customs of the people of Morocco, the fallacies and inhuman practices in the name of Muhammadanism was highly interesting.

The W.M.S. of the Methodist church will celebrate the silver anniversary of the organization of the Society with an entertainment this evening.

PROFESSIONAL DIRECTORY AND TRAVELLERS' GUIDE

Professional Directory and Travellers' Guide listing various services such as Medical, Legal, Dental, Veterinary, Real Estate, and Railways.

AT THE Churches

Church listings for United Church of Canada, Presbyterian Church in Canada, Baptist Church, Anglican Church, and Acton Pentecostal Assembly, including service times and addresses.