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Who Knows

We get a little vexed many times at the importance many Canadians place on the activities and cheap imitation of those who live in other countries. In a large department store recently we noted items labelled with signs "of interest to our American visitors". On the main floor the stars and stripes was almost as prominent as our Canadian flag and the British flag. We'll bet that 90 per cent. of the folks buying were Canadians.

Listen to many of the radio programs on our CBC which is so lavishly supported by the taxes paid by the government and you get ample doses in a dialect you can scarcely understand. You'll be treated to music composed by folks with names the announcers spend more time on than they do in giving a news report.

When on occasions such as Saturday or on holidays we could be around home until 8.30 in the morning, we used to like the band music from CBC. Now we get a program announced by some European and a high-brow cultural program of singing. They're not to be compared with the stirring band music that used to make that one of our half-hours of enjoyment of the day.

Why can't we be Canadian? We never see Canadian flags displayed across the border. Why should it be? We know as we pass every school house there that we are in the United States and we admire them for letting visitors know what country they are touring.

Why do we get lengthy programs from Europe and the British Isles and never hear of the Elora Rocks, Algonquin Park, Luther Marsh, the Rockies, the prairies and the wonders of Canada? Have we no tape recorders in Canada or do we listen to our radio at the wrong time of day?

Oh, well, we know where we can still get some good old Canadian cheese and where we can buy bread like mother used to make and see beauty and wonders of Canada that are surpassed by no other country in the world, but do people in other countries know about all these things?

May Their Steps be Guided

It appears that some steps are to be taken to keep bingos, raffles and such fund raising events within some limits. A special committee has made a recommendation to the House of Commons that monster bingos be a thing of the past. The trouble seems to be that little wrongs have a habit of growing into bigger misdemeanors and the difficulty comes in defining the size of how big a gambler or game should be permitted to grow.

Bingo prizes have been offered for one night's play in Durham amounting to \$4500 where a new car was offered for a door prize. The craze has been sweeping Ontario centres. We were in Collingwood recently and bingo night in the arena there was the attraction for the night in that town. It is said that some people playing in games developed means of beating the game with false cards and by cheating. This may have had some bearing in bringing the matter to the attention of authorities. Certainly with such valuable prizes there would be a great temptation to use any means to win them.

Georgetown has had a rather unfortunate experience recently when an attempt was started to raffle off a new home for the purpose of raising funds for a proposed hospital. Such prizes are offered at the C.N.E. quite openly. The mistake made in our neighboring town came when the matts were used for selling such tickets. Other organizations with smaller projects may well bear this experience in mind in disposing of lottery tickets. It's got to be a door to door proposition.

We trust the committee of the House of Commons will be quite clear in their recommendation regarding lotteries because it appears up to the present to have been very loosely interpreted. We have printed thousands of draw tickets and are always uncertain about our responsibility in the matter. It will be a very shrewd and wise group which will regulate how much one may gamble in these days of legalized horse race betting and gambles of all sorts from within and without our country.

Brief Comment

There was a day when squeaky shoes were embarrassing to the wearer but now squealing tires are a delight to many of the younger folks.

The week-end holiday toll across Canada both on highways and in the water brings a lot of unnecessary sorrow where pleasure was anticipated. It could be changed and much of the sorrow eliminated.

There are some dirty dogs in town who must come from untidy homes, judging by the way garbage cans are upset and the contents strewn around. They prowl at night and not just occasionally. We hope the owners read this since the dogs cannot.

Learn to swim? It is well worth the time and the effort involved. If you cannot swim, stay out of swift water, away from spots where the bottom shelves out steeply. Even if you can swim, don't go in the water alone or too soon after a meal. A bit of knowledge along this line may save someone's life. -Campbellton (N.B.) Tribune



Photo by Esther Taylor

HAY FEVER TIME is nearly upon those unfortunates who suffer from the miserable malady annually. Late summer growths of flowers and weeds like these are the misery-provoking source of heavy heads, watering eyes and tender noses and throats. Fortunately the photographer here is immune to the ill workings of such shrubbery.

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

Dressed only from the waist down, except for the sacred cord tied diagonally across his chest from the right shoulder, a visitor stood hesitatingly outside the house of a Canadian Baptist Mission Evangelist in Sampeta, India. His face was clean shaven as was his head, all but a tuft of holy hair at the back.

According to a long established custom in India, the visitor indicated his presence by coughing instead of knocking.

The evangelist could hardly conceal his surprise when he saw before him this young Brahmin priest. To such a high caste orthodox Hindu, contact with a Christian who had been converted from the untouchable outcast should be unthinkable. Even more cause for surprise was the stranger's first words. "Greetings, Sir, I have come to see you because I want to learn about your Christian religion."

Surya-Narayana Patro was the visitor's name. The first part of it meant "God is the light of the sun". He was the family priest of the rajah of Jalantira, a village five miles away. When not performing religious rites in the temple he conducted a small school.

A few months before a book seller had called at the school and asked permission to sell copies of the Christian Scriptures to the pupils. The priest bought two books. These he showed to his host. They were well worn and indicated the priest's sincere interest in the Gospel story. He was anxious to learn more.

On a following visit the priest met Rev. G. P. Parson, a Canadian Baptist missionary. Dr. Parson gave him a copy of the complete Bible. After reading John 3:16 he exclaimed, "How different this is from the vague speculations of Hinduism!" The priest eventually forsook the worship of Hindu idols and despite terrible persecutions and severe persecution he became a sincere Christian worker. The substance of the above is from a book by Rev. G. P. Parson, "The Conversion of a Hindu Priest".

AT THE CHURCHES

- UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA**
Acton, Ontario
Rev. Gordon Adams M.A. B.D. Minister
Parsonage - 29 Bower Avenue Phone 66
Mr. George Elliott, Organist and Choir Leader, 76 Bower Ave., Acton, phone 6
- SUNDAY, AUGUST 19th, 1966**
10:00 a.m. - Junior Church and Church School
11:15 a.m. - Morning Worship
Speaker, Dr. G. S. Bell, Rockwood, Ont.
- THE ANGLICAN CHURCH OF CANADA**
St. Alban's Church, Acton, Ont
Rev. Evan H. Jones, B.A., L.Th. Rector
SUNDAY, AUGUST 19th, 1966
Trinity XII
11:00 a.m. - Choral Communion and Sermon.
- THE CURRENT AVERAGE WAGE** paid in Canadian industry is \$63.37 per week. You might clip this and show it to the boss next time you ask for a raise.
- PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN CANADA**
KNOX CHURCH, ACTON
SUNDAY, AUGUST 19th, 1966
9:45 a.m. - Church School
11:00 a.m. - Morning Worship
7:00 p.m. - Evening Worship
A warm welcome awaits you
- BAPTIST CHURCH ACTON**
Rev. Ray H. Costerus, Pastor
Parsonage, 115 Bower Ave. Phone 206w
- SUNDAY, AUGUST 19th, 1966**
10:00 a.m. - Sunday School
11:00 a.m. - Morning Worship
7:00 p.m. - Evening Worship in Knox church.
- ACTON PENTECOSTAL ASSEMBLY**
Meeting in L.O.L. Hall Crewson's Corners
Pastor: Rev. K. J. Reid
81 Cook St., Telephone 640w.
- SUNDAY, AUGUST 19th, 1966**
10:00 a.m. - Sunday School
11:00 a.m. - Morning Worship
7:30 p.m. - Evangelistic Service
Wednesday, 8 p.m. - Cottage Prayer meeting and Bible study.

REMEMBER THOSE Good Old Days

BACK IN 1936

Taken from the issue of the Free Press of Thursday, August 26, 1936. When the fourth annual Blacklock picnic was billed to be bigger and better than ever this year, it was scarcely to be visualized how this could be - but such was the case. It was estimated that there was an audience of between five and six thousand. T. A. Blacklock, M.P.P., was the host and Premier M. F. Hepburn was one of the guests.

George Footitt, 18-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Footitt, had the misfortune to have his hand caught in a wringing machine at the Beardmore Co. tannery Saturday morning. He has lost four fingers, but is taking the misfortune cheerfully and many friends here are pulling with him and hoping for a prompt recovery.

A special meeting of the Public Utilities Commission was held on Friday evening with Commissioner C. Hansen and Reeve Harrison attending, with chairman B. G. Arnold presiding. It was decided to have all water services metered and the necessary metres repaired to allow for this. New metres are to be purchased.

Council is to be recommended for repairs at the town hall. It is a building that has been much used and has had little expended on it. The old balcony over the entrance has been torn down and the brick work is being repaired.

King Edward and his brother, the Duke of York, the heir apparent, both flew in the same airplane during a Royal Air Force review. It was remarked at the time that a disastrous crash would have made 10-year-old Princess Elizabeth Queen.

A family gathering was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Landsborough, Lake Ave., on Saturday afternoon. It is 31 years since some of these relatives have met.

Eden Mills won the championship of the Ermosa Softball League when they defeated Everton in two close games. They have entered the playdowns of the Ontario Rural Softball Association for the trophy donated by Premier Hepburn.

Acton has won two games from Milton and has just one more to go to the championship Morton brothers and Telfer pitched winning ball for Acton and local batters piled up a large score in each game. The biggest crowd of the year saw Acton win last night. Acton players were Terry, Walters, J. Waterhouse, Lindsay, Tyler, Woods, Anderson, W. Waterhouse, Telfer, N. Morton and B. Morton.

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