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We've Had Summer

That first reminder each year of the approach of fall, the opening of the Canadian National exhibition is at hand. Matter of fact, the big show window of Canada opens tomorrow with every indication that it will prove as great an attraction for the next two weeks as it has for as many years as we can recall.

It's changed a lot over the years since we first knew it and without a doubt, its constant keeping in step with its day has been the chief factor in maintaining its greater public interest and ever increasing attendance. To be great and representative of all of the nation there must be constant vigilance on the part of the management to maintain interest for all of Canada and the visitors who come to it from other countries each year. There are many good exhibitions throughout the Dominion but we like to think of the C.N.E. as the show for all of Canada.

Following the close will follow the local fairs in the country—the places that provide the grounds for the beginners, the starting point for showmanship which culminates in the big acts at the C.N.E. and makes up the Canadian show window.

You can discard your straw hat, get out your fall coat, usher in the ladies' fall styles right now; it's fall fair time. You may get some warm days yet but when the exhibition opens its gates you can't count on too many of them.

George Started it

It appears that the tests of endurance and human torture in the water are things that are no longer news. To take their place we may have to introduce bull-fighting into Canada but for the present perhaps professional wrestling will have to do. News must, of course, be unusual to continue to be news. The straits of Juan de Fuca, the perils of the cold waters of Lake Ontario have been conquered and also beaten those who have tried to conquer them so many times in the past few weeks that the score board is getting a bit cluttered up.

The advertiser at New Toronto in a main headline last week urged that the popular Marilyn Bell return back home. The paper took a poll of its subscribers. Two hundred and forty-two folks urged her to give up her attempt on the straits and return home while only 11 said she should try again this year. The comments published by that home town paper of the young swimmer were, most interesting and indicate many people are disgusted with marathon tests of endurance that prove little.

It is rather interesting to note the lowering of the prize money. Only last week Brenda Fisher collected a small fraction of the prize awards for crossing the lake that were showered on another fine swimmer who failed in her attempt. To be really successful one wonders if a wealthy sponsor and publicity agents aren't the things that are most important in these events.

Most folks will recall George Young who was a Toronto boy and started the present craze when he swam at Catalina. You'll remember, too, how he didn't do so well back home after and went out of the swim. Really, to cause a proper fuss in the game the swimmer should come from Toronto or at least have lived there for some time before plunging into the lake. We can't even recall what happened to poor old George but he sure should be remembered by a splashing fountain somewhere in the Queen city for the contests he has sparked down through the years.

With the completion of such a memorial, let's have no more sick and crying young girls being pulled from the water just before they drown.

Worry is like a rocking chair. It will give you something to do, but it won't get you anywhere.

Employers are beginning to get a little tired of these new "captains of industry" whose acquired theory in school and college has yet to be tested in practical application. Employers resent the "what's in it for me" attitude of the modern job applicant.—Rouyn-Noranda (Que.) Press.

Getting Impatient?

As the holes get deeper and multiply in the road surface about town and the temperatures drop lower at night, citizens become more and more concerned at the road paving program planned and through its initial stages of approval. True, these surfaces do jolt one perpetually as to the need for the improvement but we wonder if some repairs could not be carried out while the main program is in the planning state.

We recall the general condition about town at the installation of sewers and can appreciate the present state as not nearly as bad as at that time but some time spent now on those pot holes would not be entirely wasted when the paving program starts.

Speaking of installations, the company which is putting gas lines on Acton streets is making the neatest and best job of any of the installations made to date. Of course, one has to realize that the trenches required are not nearly as deep and the pipe is much easier to install in the big lengths. But up to the present, laying of gas lines has caused very little inconvenience to traffic. Perhaps we speak too soon as the main business section is yet to be laid but a word of praise at this stage is certainly due.

A word of commendation is also due Acton public services in the foresight to have water and sewer connections made before the paving program starts. Citizens can help a great deal in keeping the town offices informed of any future plans which necessitate breaking up of new pavement.

Much Ado About Rail Safety

The Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen, in public hearings before the Federal Conciliation Board presided over by Judge J. C. Anderson of Belleville, is making much ado about firemen on diesels being essential to safety of rail operations. But is safety of rail operation really at issue in the dispute between the Brotherhood and the CPR?

Isn't the safety argument of the rail union effectively answered by the CPR's statement that it intends to provide an engineer's "helper", at semi-skilled wages, in every diesel locomotive in passenger operation? Isn't it answered too, by the fact that the head trainman rides in the cab of every freight diesel?

Surely two men in each diesel locomotive in operation in passenger or freight service should be enough to meet every safety requirement, without crowding the cab and overloading the payroll with firemen, who have literally nothing to do on a diesel anyway.

Against such a background of facts, all this talk of the rail unions about firemen being needed for the safe operation of diesel-powered trains sounds suspiciously like a red herring to cover the trail of union "feather-bedding" practices.

Smaller But More of Them

What you could buy for a crisp dollar bill in 1949 now costs you more than \$1.18, says Dalton Robertson in The Financial Post.

That's the latest count, as recorded by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics in its Consumer Price Index. The July 1 index figure is up, a record 118.5 from 117.8 in June. It indicates the purchasing power of the dollar has dropped by almost one-fifth in seven years.

This country has no monopoly on the less valuable dollar. If you lived in the U.S. your dollar would buy goods worth only 84.2 of the 1949-vintage cents.

This doesn't mean it's 2c per dollar cheaper to save across the border. It only indicates that the cost of living here—while paralleling the U.S. rise—has edged up even a little higher relatively than it has climbed in the U.S.

Brief Comment

We know of no reminder seemingly more disliked than to mention that the last days of the school summer vacation are at hand.

As long as Canadians are able to compare sentences for similar types of crimes and note a surprising lack of uniformity, expressions of disapproval will continue.—Parksville (B.C.) Progress.

You simply have to do more than chop down a cherry tree to be president of the United States in this day and generation. Perhaps you've been interested in the political conventions' too and hearing about the 1956 procedure.

The Horticultural Society has completed the planting of flowers in the flower beds on George St. The plants seem to be thriving, despite the heavy pedestrian traffic across them.—Arthur (Ont.) Enterprise-News.

The economic decline of the circus as a North American institution may be partly due to changes in the public pace. Just as vaudeville bowed out to motion pictures and the radio, circuses may have to give way to competing forms of entertainment like TV. If so, the change will be all for the worse.—Kentville (N.S.) Advertiser.



YOUNG RESPONSIBILITY is highly typified in this picture of the young lad after the mail. Readers whose youth was spent on a farm will remember the daily trip to the mail box to fetch the contents, when there were some or see if the frog mischievously imprisoned there the day before was still inside.

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

The people of South Viet-Nam, Indo-China will soon receive copies of the Scriptures now being printed in Toronto, in two of their languages. These are the books of St. Luke and Acts in Rade and Koko Gospels of St. Mark and St. John. They are the very first Scriptures to be published in the latter.

Koko is a term used to designate a group of six tribes, numbering about 20,000 people living in the mountains and jungle regions of the hinterland around Durai. A tribesman has been credited with reducing this language to writing recently with the help of a Vietnamese missionary, Rev. Nguyen Van Tam. The Rev. H. A. Jackson of the Christian and Missionary Alliance, which has 40 churches in the area, is guiding the work.

The British and Foreign Bible Society in Canada arranged for the printing in Toronto on behalf of the parent organization in England.

Suggested readings for the week: Sunday, Romans 7: 1-25; Monday, Romans 10: 1-21; Tuesday, Romans 13: 1-14; Wednesday, Mark 2: 1-21; Thursday, Mark 1: 22-45; Friday, Mark 2: 1-28; Saturday, Mark 3: 1-35.

POET'S CORNER
EVERYBODY'S GOOSE

Yes, one can smile when all is well. The neat greenbacks forever swell. One golden goose is "hanging high"; But, hear the geese that Spring foretell. Their joyous honks all worries quell. Though swiftly they are "flying by". —Mrs. Thalia Roehltz

BIGGER THAN BOAST
WATERLOO, Ont. (CP)—A town sign said an historic oak tree stump was 18 feet in circumference, but David Zimmer was doubtful. He checked, and found it was 20 feet, 6 1/2 inches. He hopes to have the sign changed.

AT THE Churches

UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA
Acton, Ontario
Rev. Gordon Adams M.A. B.D. Minister
Parsonage—29 Bower Avenue Phone 80
Mr. George Elliott, Organist and Choir Leader, 76 Bower Ave., Acton, phone 8
SUNDAY, AUGUST 28th, 1956
10:00 a.m.—Junior Church and Church School.
11:15 a.m.—Morning Worship. Speaker, Rev. P. E. Deeth, Hillsburgh.

ACTON PENTECOSTAL ASSEMBLY
Meeting in L.O.L. Hall, Crewson's Corners.
Pastor: Rev. K. J. Reid, 81 Cook St., Telephone 649w.
SUNDAY, AUGUST 28th, 1956
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.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN CANADA
KNOX CHURCH, ACTON
SUNDAY, AUGUST 28th, 1956
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 28th, 1956
10:00 a.m.—Sunday School.
11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship.
7:00 p.m.—Evening Worship in Knox church.

THE ANGLICAN CHURCH OF CANADA
St. Alban's Church, Acton, Ont.
Rev. Evan H. Jones, B.A., L.Th. Rector
SUNDAY, AUGUST 28th, 1956
11:00 a.m.—Matins and Sermon.

REMEMBER THOSE Good Old Days

BACK IN 1936
From the issue of the Free Press of Thursday, August 27, 1936

Acton is one of the hundred or more Hydro municipalities with liquid assets in excess of total liabilities, and is considered "out of debt". During the last year the total number of Acton hydro users increased to 591. This is an increase from 200 in 1914, a year after the public power was first turned on. Last year the municipality used 1,000,000 horsepower as compared to but 72 horsepower in 1914.

Last year's average cost to Acton lighting consumers was 1.85 cents per kilowatt as compared to 7.21 when hydro was first turned on in the municipality.

The annual parade and church service of Acton L.O.L. was held on Sunday evening. The members of the order assembled at the lodge hall on Willow St. and paraded to the Baptist church. Rev. Mr. Baxter, the pastor of the church, delivered a splendid sermon.

The newly formed Rock Along Women's Institute held their August meeting at the beautiful farm home of Mrs. George Bayne.

The Ladies' Loyal True Blues No. 300 held a very enjoyable picnic at the home of Mrs. J. Wilderupin.

Sergeant of the Peel and Dufferin Regiment, the Toronto Garrison and the Glueph Artillery joined with the sergeants of the Lorne (Scottish) Rifles in a gathering to honor sergeant-major and Mrs. J. H. Aiger on the occasion of their tenth wedding anniversary, at their home on Church St.

At an auction sale on Tuesday of the effects of the late James Johnson, farm prices showed an upward trend. A young sow with a litter of two weeks old brought \$20. Grade cows went as high as \$56.

The weather has been different two days in one week.

Friends and neighbors in the Church Hill district gathered at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Swackhamer to honor Mr. and Mrs. Harold Swackhamer who were married last week. A program of music and addresses was given by the Stephens family, Mrs. Caldwell and Mrs. Harold Swackhamer.

A wedding of local interest took place at Bruce Beach when Ann E. M. Benninger, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Benninger of Blyth was married to Mr. John Robert Chalmers, popular member of the Wingham Baseball club and formerly pitcher on the Acton nine, the son of Mr. and Mrs. John B. Chalmers of Acton. They will reside in Wingham.

A rumour of an attempted burglary at the Merchants' Bank spread about town on Monday. It seems that one of the bank clerks was roused by the barking of a dog nearby and discharged his revolver at the animal. Rather foolish, wasn't it?

Mr. Hutterford, the buyer who comes to Acton every Wednesday, finds a growing interest. The prices paid in cash yesterday were, butter 17c to 18c in pails 18c to 19c, eggs 16c, chicken 40c to 50c the pair, 40c to 50c the pair.

Valparaiso, Chile, is 60 per cent destroyed after an earthquake. Two thousand persons are killed and hundreds of thousands of persons are homeless.

BACK IN 1906
From the issue of the Free Press of Thursday, August 23, 1906

A point of interest to the thousands of women who will visit the Canadian National Exhibition will be the baby incubators. There will be six with a baby in each. At the World's Fair in Buffalo this new invention proved one of the greatest crowd-drawers on the grounds.

A Nanawagweya man was fined \$1 on Saturday for using blasphemous language.

C. J. Lewis has purchased the Toronto Pressed Brick works at Milton from the company for \$40,000.

Acton Cornet Band is very much in evidence this good old summer time. If not engaged in giving free open air concerts, or excursions to the Falls or participating in demonstrations or garden parties in the country they are making arrangements for entertainment of some other character for the edification of the public. And they go into all the enterprises with enthusiasm.

Their garden party, to be held in the park, was moved to the town hall due to rain this week. The hall was well filled.

Several young men and boys narrowly escaped arrest for their misconduct during the concert. The instructions to the municipal officer in the past have been to arrest any person who is disorderly during an entertainment. The very disagreeable whistling and cat-calling have been considered highly objectionable by many Gentlemen are never disorderly.

Licence Commissioner Hedley Shaw of Chukville came up to Acton on Saturday in his automobile.

The sad but not unexpected news of the death of Mrs. William Perryman reached Acton on Monday.

The rather alarming lightning played havoc with telephone service in town.

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Daylight Saving Time
Eastbound
8:33 a.m. (Daily except Sun. and
Hol.); 8:58 a.m.; 11:33 a.m.;
2:08 p.m.; 5:08 p.m.; 6:33 p.m.; 8:33
p.m.; 10:08 p.m. (Sun. and Hol.)

Westbound
10:27 a.m.; 12:52 p.m.; 2:57 p.m.;
5:27 p.m.; 8:27 p.m.; 9:12 p.m.;
11:32 p.m.; 11:2 a.m. (Fri., Sat., Sun.
and Hol.)

CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAYS
Standard Time
Eastbound
Daily 5:40 a.m.; Daily except Sunday 10:00 a.m.; 1:13 p.m.; Sunday only 8:01 p.m.; Daily except Sunday Flyer at Georgetown 9:02 a.m.; 6:37 p.m.; Daily Flyer at Georgetown 10:11 p.m.

Westbound
Daily 11:44 p.m.; Daily except Sunday 8:48 a.m.; 6:55 p.m. (Flag-stop); 7:49 p.m.; Saturday only 9:08 p.m. (Flag-stop); Sunday only Flyer at Guelph 7:05 p.m.; Daily except Sat. and Sun. to detain passengers from West Toronto and beyond 5:31 p.m.; Daily except Sat. and Sun. Flyer at Guelph 5:57 p.m.