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### It's Speed That Kills

Noticed recently that they're going to package us in our car like a light bulb in excelsior so we'll survive head-on crashes at 50 miles per hour, in the future. That's comforting.

Of course, on hot humid days we may not be able to drive those hundreds of miles we return from vacations bragging about. Then, too, there will be comfort for teen-agers. We notice this week that drivers under 25 years of age comprise 17.6 per cent. of all drivers but are responsible for 30.8 per cent. of all accidents.

How often we've read that slogan—Speed Kills. We don't just know but the other day on a business trip to Toronto we went by the beautiful Queen Elizabeth Highway from Bronte to the outskirts of the city. During those 20 miles or so we kept our speedometer very steadily at the 50 mile speed limit figure.

Regularly we watched to see just how many vehicles we would have to pass and in that trip we counted two cars, both driven by the more cautious women and one truck hauling a heavy load of cement blocks. And it was a pleasant drive, too.

There was no necessity of turning out to pass, no danger from cutting in to let that vehicle right behind pass at his higher speed. It's doubtful, too, if we lost any time in getting to the city and our nerves were certainly a little less frayed.

It's Speed that Kills they tell us, but very few of us ever pay much attention to our role as a potential highway killer, when we step on the accelerator and watch the speedometer climb.

### First Halton Nomination

Politics have adopted a new role of interest and importance recently with pre-session shadow boxing and a new government to watch since the last federal election.

Obviously the Halton smoke had hardly died down when the local CCF organization became Canada's first to name its candidate for the next federal contest.

Despite a promise of an early session to look after the old-age assistance increase parliament's opening appears to have been delayed to the arrival of the Queen to preside at the opening for the first time in history.

There have been other suggestions, too, as the cause for delay but we're certainly looking forward to the opening for the surprises it will undoubtedly provide and the clashes of members that will be quite evident.

How soon the next election might be held is one of those things that have had the news analysts and back scenes reporters busy for weeks. No plans for other nominations have been heard in Halton but no doubt there will be some.

### Of Things to Come

Heat waves come and go during these summer days. It would seem unusual if between the beads of perspiration we didn't take time to editorialize on the subject.

But we did notice that we may be in for a fashion change with men wearing suits on hot days to keep cool. Apparently some Syracuse firm is experimenting with "Thermoelectric" clothing air-conditioned by a portable unit that fits in your hip pocket.

It seems that annually man is developing new marvels to control the weather conditions before they place him under any agony. In recent years the new types of air conditioning units have enjoyed greatly increased sales reception as the luxuries of earlier times become the commonplace and necessity of today.

Some of the methods of cooling off have changed a little. It's not too many years ago that most kids spent their summer in bare feet shuffling between shaded brooks for fishing and the old swimmin' hole, for the final cooling off.

The weather is, of course, something one can write about endlessly without effect.

Heat waves do serve to remind us, however, that we are creatures of circumstance, subject to discomforts of the elements both summer and winter, and at the mercy of all other hazards beyond human control. It behooves us therefore to make the best of it, control our tempers or preserve our equanimity — with consoling thoughts that things will improve, and that each new trial adds strength to our stature.

### An Interesting Country

Political speakers have been telling us about this great country of ours, newspapers have editorialized on its great potentials, and people have pretty generally accepted the idea that Canada is something special.

We often stop to wonder about just what is behind all this and then a book comes along that gives a tremendous amount of information which capsulizes the many supporting facts.

A book called Quick Canadian Facts has always been a favorite of ours because it invariably points out things we never thought of about this country. Perhaps we could get along without knowing these facts but in their abbreviated form they strike a responsive chord of interest.

We learned in some week-end reading, for instance, that Lake Ontario covers 7,540 square miles and is one of the smallest of the Great Lakes exceeded by Superior at 31,820 miles. Ontario is one of the deeper though at a maximum depth of 774 feet.

There's another paragraph that sums up this business of greatness behind Canada. "Canada leads the world in fresh-water area, vital to transportation and power generation. The Great Lakes-St. Lawrence River system is the principal waterway, navigable for more than 2,000 miles. Even longer is the Mackenzie River system, navigable for more than 2,600 miles through the Northwest Territories down to the Arctic Ocean. The billion dollar St. Lawrence Seaway project, largest construction job currently underway in the world, will permit passage into the Great Lakes of ships up to 25 foot draught as compared to the present 14 foot maximum."

Right across Canada, the provinces have their points of interest. Newfoundland was Britain's first colony, formally proclaimed a British possession in 1583. Prince Edward Island, Canada's smallest province, the island lies in the semi-circular arm of the Gulf of St. Lawrence. Nova Scotia is a 375-mile long peninsula jutting into the Atlantic. It has been called "the long wharf of Canada."

New Brunswick has 600 miles of coast line on the east and south. About four-fifths of the province is covered by accessible merchantable timber. Quebec is the largest of the provinces and slightly more than three-quarters of Quebec's people are of French origin. Ontario, an inland province has a fresh-water shoreline of 2,400 miles on the Great Lakes and in the north a salt-water shoreline of 680 miles on Hudson Bay.

More than one-third of Manitoba is forest covered and most of the province lies within the mineral-bearing Canadian shield. Saskatchewan produces more wheat than the rest of Canada. Alberta has the largest population of the three prairie provinces and ranks fourth nationally. British Columbia is almost entirely mountainous and three-quarters of its population lives on five per cent. of its total area.

Canada is the world's second largest country. We know a little more about this country now through some very interesting facts.

### Brief Comment

The (school teacher shortage) crisis promises to become a chronic disease not to be cured overnight, but requiring many years of treatment. The cure for the disease will probably be expensive for the taxpayers, but less expensive than letting it remain uncurd.

Peace River Block (Dawson Creek, B.C.) News.

### Of Things to Come

The fact that we are living here indicates that it must be a pretty fair place, otherwise we would move out. So let's show others we are proud of our town by supporting wholeheartedly the fair and other events held in conjunction with it—Humboldt (Sask.) Journal.

Only the greatest amount of caution and adherence to the rules of the road will hold down the total to a reasonable figure. That is, if any number of road deaths can be termed reasonable—Greenfull (Sask.) Sun.

Newspapers in pursuit of worthwhile objectives do not need to throw every little problem into the centre of the arena and kick it around for the amusement of the public.—Rouyn-Noranda (Que.) Press.

The baker's dozen is a casualty in this age of negotiated inflation. If anybody is asked to walk the second mile he wants time and a half for it. Only dogs and very young humans remain happily old-fashioned. Campbellton (N.B.) Tribune.



—Photo by Esther Taylor

### In Nature's Solitude

#### Farm to Halfway House

## Odd Jobs on Home or Farm

Whenever you are there are odd jobs to do. On the farm there is fencing, or repairs to fencing.

After cattle have knocked down rails or stretched the wires it happens among the best regulated barnyard families but more especially if the cattle have horns. Usually it's stretching the wire with the other. At the strategic moment when head and horns are almost free, Bossie gives a sudden lurch and you are back where you started. Head and horns are almost free, Bossie gives a sudden lurch and you are back where you started.

How often at Ginger, Farm I tried wrestling with just such a situation, generally with little success. Usually I gave up and either called Partner to the rescue or kept a watchful eye on the creature until he happened along. Even then it was sometimes necessary to cut the wires before Bossie could be released. The fence would afterwards be repaired and then, so help me, the next day the same thing might happen all over again.

When everything within reach is chewed to the ground Bossie decides it is time to withdraw. Ah, but that is easier said than done. She twists her head this way and that—quer, what went through so easily should be so hard to get back. Horns, of course, complicate the situation still further. After she has tired and quits struggling, decides to stand quiet and chew her cud. Maybe it is during this rest period the farmer, his hired help or perhaps his wife or children come along and notice Bossie hanging up in the fence.

Whoever sees her naturally goes to her assistance, sometimes with unpleasant results. For some unknown reason Bossie generally gets excited when someone comes along, perhaps as the outcome of a guilty conscience. After all, had she stayed on her side of the fence she would not be in her present predicament. So the would-be rescuer has to work very quietly.

Well, we haven't got any cows to wrestle with now. I just mention such a situation because as I said before, wherever you go there are odd jobs to do of some kind or another. In an old house for instance there are always repairs, or painting and decorating. In a new house minor additions are usually necessary to suit personal requirements.

A towel rail here, a shelf there, a place to put that old cupboard to put that. And of course, how to arrange things in the house to beat the heat. To open doors and windows or keep them closed—that is the question.

Heretofore I have subscribed to the open-door theory. But that was at Ginger, Farm where the trees provided shade on all sides of the house. I tried the same thing here during the last hot spell and we almost passed out with the heat and humidity even though we have

over hanging eaves and quite a number of trees. Now we are into another heat wave so this morning I shut all the doors, window venetian blinds, drew the drapes and occasionally turned on the fan. The result has been quite satisfactory.

The temperature outside is a mere guess 88 but in the house it's 90. Even at that I have taken to the bathroom with my top on to get the column done. When the temperature gets over outside than it is in the house that I manage gear will be the time to open up the doors and windows again. Of course, another way to beat the heat is to turn on the air conditioning system. That might be all right except that a magazine article I read today says that it costs as much to cool the house in summer as it does to heat it in winter.

—that is, to do a complete job of painting all through the house. Obviously a pretty little striped kitty was somewhere around.

Well, it is hard to say what I shall write next week—David is coming to stay for a week all by his lonesome!

Present day motor oils provide much greater protection for engine parts in cold-weather starting than did the oils used in "the old days". It is pointed out that the fluidity of the modern motor oil allows it to circulate freely at extremely low temperatures.

However, in spite of this technical improvement in the oil, there still exists a considerable need for care in starting a cold engine. Under no conditions should a cold engine be idled at high speeds or cranked while cold, at speeds exceeding 30 m.p.h.

Proper procedure, according to J. A. Dykes, director of service, Chrysler Corporation of Canada, Limited, is to start the engine and allow oil pressure to build up to operating normal before moving the vehicle. If an immediate start is required it is suggested that the car be driven at speeds not exceeding 30 m.p.h. until normal operating temperature is attained. The best possible solution is, of course, to allow the engine to run at a fast idle until it has reached the required heat.

As Mr. Dykes points out, this takes about as long as that first cup of coffee. Since the interior of the car will also be warm by the time, the personal comfort of the driver will be at a maximum and the wear and tear on the engine will be at minimum. Longer engine life will be the result.

The earliest attempt at a canal in North America was at Lachine, Que., early in the 18th century.

## THE GOOD OLD DAYS

### BACK IN 1907

Taken from the issue of the Free Press, Thursday, July 25, 1907.

Miss Daisy Nicklin had 11 pupils pass the entrance from her class at Burlington. Two each of the pupils of Misses Margaret Johnston and Minnie Bennett passed in their respective schools in Equipping.

The foundations of Mr. S. Hubbard's new residence on Willow St. are about completed.

A lawn social under the auspices of the Epworth League will be held at the residence of Mr. Joseph Coleman on Monday evening.

Rather an exciting race was witnessed up Mill Street Monday evening. A big grey Dan scratched into Soper's Grocery and snatched a ham and made off with it. He was followed by the son of the proprietor in hot haste. The big dog dropped the ham when he arrived home and the matter was straightened out between the parties concerned.

Acton cricket team defeated the Berlin club in Berlin on Saturday by six runs. J. Wood and R. Woodmill did the scoring for Acton. Wood took seven wickets for 16 runs.

The Municipal Office complains that a number of owners of dog mops in town are rendering themselves liable to action under the Public Health Act by the filthy condition of their premises.

Last Wednesday evening the members of Acton Citizens' Band were proceeding to the garden party at Edin Mills, the second rig was run down by a big touring automobile on the highway at the deviation near the Nicol farm, west of Crewson's Corners. Several of the members were thrown out and handmen Agnes and Thornton sustained painful sprains and bruises.

The farmers of this section are now busy with their hay and they find the crop is turning much better than was anticipated.

The Sunday school children of St. Joseph's church, Acton and Georgetown are to hold their annual picnic in the park Georgetown, on August 1.

The Board of Education met on Tuesday evening. The necessary for a new walk from Main Street to the school on education line was discussed. The old plank walk is in a condition dangerous to the school.

Tenders are asked for a truck stock of the public school. Acton Citizens' Band will give a free optical band concert on the Hayes Avenue bandstand on Friday evening.

### BACK IN 1937

Taken from the issue of the Free Press, Thursday, July 25, 1937.

Chief R. M. McDonald, secretary Gordon Smith, E. Gamble and William Chisholm have been chosen delegates from the Acton Fire Brigade to attend the annual convention of the Ontario Volunteer Firemen's Association, being held in Georgetown this week.

Editor Joseph B. Lake of Powassan has been elected District Deputy Grand Master of the Masonic Order for the Muskoka District. Editor Lake has had many honors since going north some 30 or more years ago from Acton.

Last Thursday evening St. George's Tennis Club of Guelph played the Acton club on the courts here. There were keen contests and the players were evenly matched. The evenly matched, in fact, that the final result was 7-6 in favor of Guelph.

Mr. C. F. Leatherland, who has purchased the law practice of Mr. H. N. Farmer, is moving this week with Mrs. Leatherland and will take over the practice next Monday.

Fire which broke out in the garage and spread to the barn, caused severe loss on Tuesday night on the farm of Fred Langdon, Four Corners, Ramona township when the barn guttered the barn and burned 100 tons of hay and 20 tons of straw.

Acton took a firm hold on the second rung of the League ladder on Saturday, when they defeated Milton for the second time this season in a dog-dog battle by a score of 12-11.

This morning was on the hill for the homeboys and was touched for 11 hits and struck out nine batters. Frank Terry brought the winning counter over the plate in a double by Holloway.

First threshing of the season in the locality is on the farm of R. N. Brown today. The wheat sample is A-1 and will require a day and a half to thresh this fine crop.

Acton defeated Burlington by a score of 3-2 last evening in Acton park. Lefty Morton was the route and at no time was he in trouble. He stuffed right of the opposing batter and his teammates did their share by playing practically errorless ball.

The girls club with whom Acton will have their next dance, Norma McLaughlin, will be held through with a large dancing in F. Terry. Bob Anderson dropped a long one during the night for Jack and Marie Walters and Dale Lindsay, couple of the night.

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