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Summer Adventure

A dozen university students are spending the summer doing voluntary work among the Eskimos at Inukjuag Bay in the eastern Arctic.

The desire of these members of the Student Christian Movement to get to know the Eskimos better by working among them is an indication that the spirit of adventure is still alive in Canada.

They are not the only civilization dwellers spending all or part of the summer in remote parts of Canada. To mention a few:

The Mines and Technical Surveys Department is sending out 25 survey parties, mainly to Arctic regions, to do the field work from which will come 200 new topographical maps, air navigation maps and charts of coast and inland waters.

Army engineers, who spend one month of the year in centrally heated homes while they work at army headquarters in Ottawa are surveying winter areas in every province and the territories.

Doctors and army technicians working from the government supply ship C. D. Howe are carrying 25 remote Arctic settlements in a 100-ton icebreaker.

Settling for somewhat smaller doses of the outdoor life, thousands of holiday-makers including families with small children are leaving the city for the vast areas of provincial and national parks.

Add to these the city-bred workers now busy on the 142,000 sq. ft. Early Warning radar line and mapping the Arctic Canada line and remote weather stations and it becomes evident the call of the wilderness is being answered in Canada.

Reporting on Health

Halter County Health Unit has made its annual report to the people covering their 1956 operations and giving some ideas on what their plans are for the current year.

Medical Officer Dr. A. Pull notes in his report that the population of Halton continues to grow at the rate of 1.1 per cent per year. There were 10,000 births during the past year. Heart disease and cancer continue to be the two greatest causes of death, considering all age groups.

Not too many reports ago there would have been some serious sections devoted to poliomyelitis but the chief mention now is that operations of a vaccine are being continued and only two cases of the dreaded polio were reported for the fall of 1956.

The report notes, too, that a preventive dental programme was approved last year. This staff works in the schools and child health clinics to prevent dental disease by examination and education. Of course, these preventive programs have not always been carried out. One wonders if they are all really necessary. Then a little further we find that the average number of treated decayed teeth per school child exchanged during the 1956 fall term was 4.1. Only one out of four in the age group 5 to 8 years had all the necessary work completed or had no need of treatment.

Undoubtedly, disease can only be defeated by a constant awareness of its presence and a continuing education towards its early treatment. Perhaps someday we will have the generation of parents and children who have the more complete understanding of the need for early treatment.

The \$138,950 business of the Health Unit appears to be assisting in maintaining and improving the health of the county that is burdened with the pains of a rapidly growing population.

A Little Chuckle

We were interested in the following comments of our contemporary on the Bolton Enterprise.

"If you had followed the newspaper reports of the Royal Commission's hearing into the Peterborough Police situation you will have seen how the publisher of The Peterborough Examiner, Mr. Robertson Davies, gave evidence recently.

"It is not for us to delve into the intricacies of the evidence, nor the reason for the inquiry being held at all, but what did seem interesting from a newspaper standpoint, was the fact that somebody as prominent as a police had endeavored to influence Mr. Davies as to how his editorials should be written. It was suggested that the Peterborough Examiner should 'get behind' the City of Peterborough Police Department, and that 'favorable' editorials should be written accordingly. This is interesting from a journalistic point of view and particularly when the man in question was no other than Robertson Davies, a rugged, Canadian individualist there ever was one. An outstanding personality, an author-playwright, and certainly the type of publisher that is needed in much greater quantities in this growing country of ours.

"Nevertheless, it is the part about a publisher being asked to change his editorial attitude which is more interesting, however, and while a request of this kind might be justified (if you want to look at it like that) the newspaperman is more than justified in turning such a request down flat.

"On this same page some pointed comments have appeared regarding the freedom of the press, and it is this same freedom which is the very basis of the life we live. The alternative is a controlled press, with no free expression and even though some cities and countries seem to have almost a sensational license in allowing their newspaper to say what they like, this is preferable to any kind of regulation.

"Whether it be weekly or daily a journal must be able to function freely, and it is doubtful if there were many newspapers in Canada who did not have their own little chuckle about the Peterborough incident."

Those Eating Habits

Reading a recent article about the possibility of man weighing something like 275 lbs by 1957 if he continues his North American eating habits. This, unless he gives up, or perhaps away from the business of eating.

Our eating habits on this continent have often been regarded as a little opposite to the ideal. Recently, however, we noted that King Saud of Arabia has just ordered a dinner service from London. The largest items are eight soup tureens to hold 50 pints each.

But these soup tureens will be nothing unusual by Middle East standards. If they are the best of this of china his Arabian Majesty can afford, his chef will never be able to serve a dinner described by Glubb Pasha (father-in-law of Gen. J. B. Glubb) in his book about the Arab Legion.

During his long career in the Middle East, not short when the King of Jordan unexpectedly sacked him last year, Glubb Pasha was often a dinner guest of Arab potentates.

At one of these feasts the main course was a whole roasted camel, served in kneeling position. The camel stuffed with six sheep; each sheep stuffed with six chickens; each chicken stuffed with six hard-boiled eggs. Carried with rice and a sauce of raisins and wine. Serve piping hot.

Glubb Pasha doesn't say what size of dish was needed to underpin the camel, but it must have been a lot bigger than a finicky little 50 pint soup tureen. Either King Saud is a piker or Middle Eastern hospitality is deteriorating.

One begins to wonder just how our North American eating habits can even be measured against such Middle Eastern standards.

Smaller Cities Lead

Opportunities for the individual have always been at the city, it has often been suggested. Of course, this is still the case in some of the professions but there is a glimmer of hope for the average Canadian in a recent article that notes there are many smaller cities where wages are higher and sometimes considerably higher than they are in the big cities in the same province.

It wasn't too many years ago that the bigger the city the bigger the wages. That was one reason for the concentration of industry. Higher returns naturally attracted more labor.

Dominion Bureau of Statistics survey shows only four cities where average hourly earnings in manufacturing exceeded \$1.80 per hour in 1955. These were Ottawa, St. Catharines, Sarnia and Victoria—not really a big city in the lot. Almost touching that hourly figure were Windsor, Fort William, Fort Arthur, Hamilton, Niagara Falls, Peterborough and Vancouver. Only the latter, it will be noted, is classed among the biggest cities in Canada.



—Photo by Esther Taylor

Sand Castles

G.A.D. About...

A Columnist With a Record

On April 11, 1957 a new column was started in the Free Press, entitled Just Plain Folk. By July 1, 1957 a week later, the column introduced the Chronicles of Ginger Farm. For more than 28 weeks which have followed, 1957's week Chronicles of Ginger Farm has been a feature of the paper.

which has been enjoyed by thousands of our readers. One of the reasons for this is that the column is written in a simple, direct, and readable style. It is a column that is read by thousands of our readers. It is a column that is read by thousands of our readers.

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MRS. GWENDOLINE P. CLARKE who for over 28 years contributed her column 'Chronicles of Ginger Farm' to the Free Press each week

THIS SUNDAY'S CHURCH CALENDAR

BAPTIST CHURCH ACTON Rev. Ray H. Costerus, Pastor Parsonage, 115 Bower Ave. Phone 3084

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN CANADA KNOX CHURCH, ACTON Rev. Andrew H. McKenzie, B.A., B.D.

ACTON PENTECOSTAL ASSEMBLY Meeting in the Y.M.C.A. Pastor: Rev. F. J. Reid, 81 Cook St. Telephone 646w.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 11th, 1957 10:00 a.m.—Sunday School, 11:30 a.m.—Morning Worship, 7:00 p.m.—Evening Service.

UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA Acton, Ontario Rev. Gordon Adams M.A., B.D., Minister Parsonage—29 Bower Avenue Phone 60

THE ANGLICAN CHURCH OF CANADA St. Alban's Church, Acton, Ont. Rev. Evan H. Jones, B.A., L.Th. Rector, 145 Jeffrey St., Tel. 265

SUNDAY, AUGUST 11th, 1957 TRINITY VIII 8:30 a.m.—Holy Communion, 9:30 a.m.—Choral Communion (St. John's, Rockwood), 11:00 a.m.—Choral Communion.

THE GOOD OLD DAYS

BACK IN 1907

Taken from the issue of the Free Press, Thursday, August 8, 1907.

Raspberries, like strawberries, will soon be a thing of the past for this year. Many bushes were killed last year, and it is believed the crop will be about done this week.

The Jubilee birthday of Mr. James E. Snyder was fittingly celebrated at his home, "Pine Lawn", 101 St. Paul St., last Friday. A large company of friends was present and the occasion was a most pleasant one.

St. Alton's Sunday school picnic started from the church Monday morning at 8:30. Eight large three and four-seated rigs, besides private vehicles, joined in the procession to Eden. The children enjoyed themselves greatly.

The scheduled game of the C.I.A. soccer for Saturday next will be played in the park here and the contestants will be Flora and Acton. The public is promised a fine exhibition of lacrosse from these doughty contestants.

The generous thoughtfulness of Handmaster Mason in providing an open concert on the Bow Avenue bandstand on Saturday evening by Acton Citizens Band was especially appreciated by the homecomers and visitors.

Acton and Hampton played a baseball match here on Friday evening. The home team won with a score of 7-2.

Ground was broken last Thursday for Mr. D. A. Henderson's new residence on Bower Avenue and the work of excavation for foundation is well advanced.

So far, a rough road to the east and west, and automobile traffic is made with an Indian summer of unusual beauty. The hottest day of the year was on the afternoon of the 11th.

In the tennis match at Galt Hill Saturday, Mr. Robert S. Galt was undefeated in having three sets to his credit and the contest ended in a 3-0 victory.

The following will be held in the park here on Saturday next: a picnic for the boys of the town, a picnic for the girls of the town, a picnic for the men of the town, and a picnic for the women of the town.

Mr. J. M. Moore, manager of the Acton Hotel, left on Tuesday morning for New Orleans on a business trip.

PROFESSIONAL DIRECTORY AND TRAVELLERS' GUIDE

Table with columns for MEDICAL, REAL ESTATE AND INSURANCE, DENTAL, LEGAL, and TRAVELLERS' GUIDE. Lists names and addresses of professionals in Acton and surrounding areas.