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Sunday is Mother's Day

Mother's Day this morning is a well established tradition and one that gives an opportunity to pay tribute to the mothers of the world.

The idea of Mother's Day was first suggested by Anna Jarvis in 1905 in West Virginia. She was inspired by the memory of her mother, Ann Reeves Jarvis, who had organized 'Mother's Friendship Societies' to help suffering mothers and their children during the Civil War.

In 1911, the first official Mother's Day was celebrated in Washington, D.C. It was later adopted by many other countries, including Canada.

In Canada, Mother's Day is celebrated on the second Sunday in May. This year, it falls on Sunday, May 22nd. The day is a time when children and grandchildren can show their love and appreciation for their mothers.

It is a day to remember the sacrifices and love that mothers have given throughout their lives. It is a day to honor the women who are the backbone of our society.

Co-Operation Needed

The Acton Free Press in its issue of May 13th, published a story about the proposed new Sunday law in Ontario. The story was based on a report from the Lord's Day Alliance of Ontario, which is a group of churches and other organizations that oppose the proposed law.

The report states that the proposed law is a step towards the abolition of Sunday as a day of rest. It argues that Sunday is a day of special significance and that it should be protected as such.

The proposed law would allow for the operation of shops and other businesses on Sunday. This would be a significant change from the current situation, where most businesses are closed on Sunday.

The Lord's Day Alliance believes that the proposed law is a threat to the religious and cultural values of the province. They argue that it would lead to the erosion of Sunday as a day of rest and that it would have negative consequences for the community.

The whole question needs very careful study not by one municipal council alone but by the five municipalities involved, by those closest to the operation and by all in a position and frame of mind willing to study all the facts in a broad sense of fairness to all.

An Important Section

We are now well under way on a planned program of highway construction of such extent as this province has never really known. Hon. James N. Allan, Minister of Highways, stated recently. Since it takes some four years of planning for the work of many engineering specialists which has been in progress for the past two or three years will result in new highways to be completed in 1938. The work will cover a period of four or five years to be completed in the following years.

As a result of the work we have planned our work for 1938. It is estimated that we can complete our planned program in very little more than six weeks. Mr. Allan said the work will be completed in a Plan for Ontario Highways which was issued early in 1937. It provides for the construction of new highways and the reconstruction of old highways to provide for the increased volume of traffic expected for the next few years.

Work on the Barabara Beach Skyway is well advanced. It is expected to be completed in September. At the end of 1937, there were 135 miles of highway No. 401 in operation and another 50 miles will be completed during 1938. Work is in progress along the Trant Highway at which is now open for an experiment for the motor law as the Gap between the Abawa River and Marathon. It is expected to be completed in October. Work has already started to widen the Queen Elizabeth Way to six lanes from the 4-lane road and to add additional reserve roads between the two main roads. It is expected to be completed in December.

Construction of highways commands a large expenditure and it is a real example of the work in progress. This of course emphasizes the importance of the general situation in Ontario in which we live.

Controversial Career

This month the Lord's Day Alliance of Ontario passed its 20th milestone in an active and frequently controversial career devoted to the preservation of Sunday as a free day for rest, recreation and worship. Instituted in Ontario in 1858 largely at the request of the church members, the Alliance now includes representatives of most religious denominations.

The annual report of the Alliance, just published, says that automation will provide new problems in the observance of the kind of Sunday, presently protected by the Lord's Day Act. The report predicts that costly investment in machinery together with consolidation of the comparatively few people required to operate them may be deemed the best solution for Sunday work. In such a contingency the effect upon Sunday observance would be hard to predict, the report says.

Concerning cultural activities on a Sunday, the report indicates that it is not likely the Alliance would object to a change in the present law were it possible to limit Sunday activities to high class interests. How to impose such limits to avoid opening Sunday to all kinds of amusements and entertainment, poses grave difficulty, the Alliance feels.

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Brief Comment

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Young Man's Fancy

Photo by Walter Taylor

G.A.D. About...

Entanglement With the Law

In these days when governments at all levels become more and more involved with the attention of citizens, it becomes easier to be a lawbreaker. One needs to be only a little bit off the road but almost any police officer will cite you in these days. Folks who wanted to see a legal case in small matters came to me at the office and at home all the time. Police court cases had to be talked on when they had to be, or when they had to be, or when they had to be. My own business, I am a bonded attorney. Taking time to listen to all these occupational hours of law.

If I give free advice that turned out bad there was often some while if it was helpful there was rarely any appreciation. There was always an appeal for help, contrary to the rules laid down in the books.

I recall one occasion when a nearby farmer wanted an affidavit sworn for his wife. It was very close to the time for filing the document and the wife could not come into town. On a Saturday afternoon, I went to the farm house signed the document and collected 25 cents and just outside the farm I had my car get stuck on the road.

I paid \$2.00 to get the car out. I was late for supper and was reprimanded by my wife for keeping out of the children out in the cold for such a long time. Incidentally the child went to sleep in the back seat of the car during the whole adventure.

After a few years of the office I sold to the department and tendered my resignation from the position. I explained in my letter that the abuse was terrible and the honor was doubtful. It took two years to get my appointment cleared in the proper circles and all the years since to get the local public convinced that I am no longer a justice of the peace.

For many years there was a market idea that a justice of the peace was empowered to issue marriages, licenses and perform burials. Persons that in the past years have had marriages performed by a justice of the peace, although they were not empowered to do so.

An Act was passed after to take these marriages legal and today I found during my hour of office at what most unusual hours couples wanted to get married. It is a business. Most are from the day of night and might be requested to perform duties that never were in their power. Old customs are most difficult to estimate.

The moral of the whole thing is not that it is best to keep clear of the law from all sides. Men are to matter on which side you take a part. Among my souvenirs is a beautiful gold-headed walking stick given to me by the late Mr. H. P. Moore.

J. Newton Shows Films To Scout, Guide Group

The April meeting of the Scout and Guide Mothers' Association was held in the Scout Hall Tuesday evening, April 29, with a good attendance. The president, Mrs. Hoggett, opened the meeting with the Lord's Prayer.

The Treasurer gave a very satisfactory report, showing a successful season of non-profit making activities. After a short business session the meeting was brought to a close and a social evening followed.

Free Chief Jack Newton was present and showed some very interesting films, which were very entertaining to the members of the Association.

Lunch was served and a very pleasant evening brought to a close.

Child Sculptors Enjoy Free Hand

MONTREAL (C.P.)—Robert Maquet has an unconventional method of teaching his students: he lets them do what they want.

Mr. Maquet teaches clay sculpture to an employment for four classes of children, ranging from preschool age to more than 16.

"I believe in letting them do what comes naturally to them," he said. "If a student shows a particular aptitude I try to develop the talent. Otherwise, I let them do exactly what they want."

The instructor, holder of a diploma in modelling from a Paris school, said the resulting noise and confusion in his two-hour classes doesn't bother him a bit.

The classes are conducted daily for each age group after regular day school at the department's Henri Julien Recreation Centre.

THE GOOD OLD DAYS

Back in 1908
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Taken from the issue of the Free Press, Thursday, May 7, 1908.

The annual meeting of the Women's Institute was held at the house of Mrs. H. Swackhamer last Friday. Officers elected included president Mrs. J. L. Warren, vice president Mrs. N. H. Huband, secretary Mrs. N. F. Moore.

A snow storm with a full moon was seen Thursday night. The temperature was very high for the time of the year.

A tractor engine ran over the Mill Street pavement south of the other day into the road and caused much damage to the walk. The corporation will collect damages.

Postmaster Matthews has been offering a most improved appearance to the streets of the town offering the past week. It has been repainted and repaired.

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