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### Anticipate Reasonable Supply

In spite of the spring this year it is gratifying that up to the present Acton has had no warnings issued of a shortage of water supply. With the hooking in and connection with the new source of supply it can be anticipated that in the coming summer months any shortage will be met and normal supplies will be available.

It is well however that over thirty years ago when the waterworks system was first installed in Acton meters were installed and abuse of the service was discouraged.

The years since have discouraged the waste of water by the citizens and as a result it has seldom been necessary to enforce restriction. Most folks have as a result been conservative of the water available and the water has had to pay for his neglect and wastefulness.

More and more people are coming to realize that water is not an unlimited supply but used as needed or as required there is enough for all who are willing to pay the cost of having it. Perhaps it is easy to make a summer prediction but it does look as if citizens of Acton may anticipate the summer months without any fear of water shortage. Anticipating our needs has also been a favorable factor in measuring our services.

### Just What is a Father?

Just what is a father? The following lines by an anonymous author give some answer and seem appropriate as Father's Day approaches on Sunday.

"A father is a thing that is forced to endure childbirth without an anaesthetic. A father is a thing that growls when he feels good and laughs when scared half to death."

"A father never feels worthy of the worship in a child's eyes. He's never quite the hero his daughter thinks, never quite the man his son believes him to be, and this worries him sometimes. So he works too hard to try and smooth the rough places in the road for those of his own who follow him."

"A father is a thing that gets very angry when the school grades aren't nearly good enough so he scolds, though he knows it's the teacher's fault."

"A father is a thing that gives daughters away to other men who aren't nearly good enough so they can have grandchildren who are smarter than anybody's."

"A father is a guy who makes bets with insurance companies about who'll live the longest. One day they lose, and the bet's paid off to the part he leaves behind."

"I don't know where a father goes when he dies but I've got an idea that after a good rest, wherever it is, he won't just sit around on a cloud and wait for the girl he's loved and the children she bore; he'll be busy there, too—repairing the stairs, oiling the gates, improving the streets, smoothing the way."

### June is Dairy Month

June is Dairy Month and with dairy farming so prevalent in this part of the country it is fitting that we take time out to salute the dairy farmers and dairy industry.

This country ranks sixth among the milk producing countries of the world. Of the total milk produced in this country, butter accounts for 43 per cent., milk takes 31 per cent., concentrated milk and ice cream use 9 per cent., and all types of cheese take 7 per cent. The balance is used on farms.

We are inclined to overlook those things close to us and in a recent letter to the National Dairy Council, Miss L. C. Pepper, head of the consumer section, Department of Agriculture, this was emphasized. "Strange as it may seem to anyone associated with dairy products we find that public attention has to be drawn continually and forcibly to this group of foods which stands second to none in contributing to good nutrition. In these days when a multiplicity of appealing items, both food and drink, is competing for a share of the consumer dollar, the high return dairy products give in

health promotion and appetite satisfaction must be widely proclaimed."

The Dairy Council is doing that job too. Well over \$5,000,000 a year is now being devoted to advertising by the dairy processing industry. Overall value of the products of the Canadian Dairy Industry reaches the staggering total of \$1,000,000,000 a year.

Boosting the consumption of dairy products and dairy food processed from the 17 billion pounds of milk which will be produced this year by Canada's 3,000,000 dairy cows, is as important to you and me as it is to the dairy farmer and those connected with the dairy industry.

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### An Increasing Awareness

The illusion of the inexhaustible public purse must be decreasing. It is to be hoped at least, that sooner or later we will all realize that the more we ask from government the more we can expect to pay.

During the recent conference of the Canadian Federation of Mayors and Municipalities, a resolution was rejected, calling for Ottawa to allow municipal taxes to be deducted from income tax returns.

Speakers suggested adoption of a resolution calling for this action would "create an adverse effect on the national economy".

Another speaker from the floor begged the delegates to see "sweet reason". "What on earth are we trying to do?" he demanded. "We are proposing to ask Ottawa to give us more money. Let's face it, that's precisely why we want to remove a proportion of the federal government's annual income. We can't have our cake and eat it!"

Like anyone else we don't like to pay continually mounting taxes but as we see continually mounting demands for additional services, more facilities and greater protection and security we can't help but expect to continue paying more taxes.

There is no unending municipal or governmental purpose. It continues upward only because we have apparently not reached the total of taxes we are willing to pay. When the maximum is reached and the public generally objects, there will of necessity have to be a decrease in the number of things for which we ask governments to accept responsibility.

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### Do Children Get too Much

Cyrus Eaton, the famous Canadian millionaire relates a story about his well known Deep Cove Farms summer place in Nova Scotia.

At the farm, there is considerable opportunity for boating. Available are canoes, dories and motor boats. Nevertheless, the financier writes: "Last summer my grandchildren spent three days snagging logs that drifted into shore, tying them together, putting up a sail, and taking everybody who'd go, for a ride. To them, making a raft, la Huck Finn, was much more fun than sailing in a ready-made boat. To me this just goes to prove that boys and girls don't appreciate something that is handed to them. There seems to be nothing that can surpass the satisfaction that comes from creating something."

He adds: "The conclusions I have reached are that instinctively, basically our young people don't want success without sweat, or security in place of opportunity."

Mr. Eaton's conclusions are based upon a sound understanding of human nature.

No matter what kind of society the atom bomb may plunge us into, people are going to have to work. If a youngster is trained or has the opportunity to work in the present society, he is going to be willing to fight to preserve that society. It is only when youngsters are unable to meet existing competition that they start looking for "isms".

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### More Women Working

With total employment in Canada slightly below the level of last spring, and only 2.4% above the spring of 1956, the number of women with jobs rises steadily, while the number of employed men drops, reports the Financial Post.

In April (latest survey) men with jobs were 64,000 fewer than a year before, and 8,000 fewer than in April 1956.

But employed women were 75,000 more than last year, and 135,000 more than April 1956.

This is an increase of better than 10% over the years, and 5.6% over the last 12 months.



MOTHER'S DAY JUNE 15th

KING FOR A DAY!

### G.A.D. About...

## A Day in June in Our Area

Last Friday (remember what a beautiful June day it was?) was the day selected for a tour of the Credit River Watershed by press and radio representatives of the district. One look at the outdoor beauty of the day and I decided I would be the Free Press representative. Not that I hadn't visited most of the places but I wanted to know what was proposed for the future in the Credit Valley.

It appears that the aim in these conservation plans is based on the fact largely that we as a people have great need of clean water. We need water for many purposes but it must be clean. We've tapped our natural reservoir sites. We understand that at Orangeville has been purchased by the Authority already.

Reservoir sites for dams are also proposed at Bellwood and Silver Creek to increase the flow of water in summer. Details of the capacity and cost of construction are given in the 1957 report of the Authority.

Back along dirt roads the tour travelled to visit such places as the Northern Peel and Dufferin Anglers and Hunters Association, the Credit Forks and the Terra Cotta Conservation Area. The natural beauty of these places remains unchanged.

So we dumped it back in the streams where our neighbors downstream couldn't use dirty water and where the natural methods couldn't handle the load of purification. With more leisure hours, we need more suitable spots for recreation.

You know Acton is just on the edge of the Credit Valley area. We don't get our water from any stream but from underground wells, but we do use the Black Creek to drain off our used water. Most of it goes through a modern sewage disposal plant and is fed into the creek in a purified state and another part of it is sprayed over the land in the area.

Well, the first place we visited Friday was Streetsville. Here, in what used to be the old far grounds, they are erecting a new disposal plant. This plant will purify the water before it is passed into the river again. In Georgetown there is a purification plant to look after that town and an even larger one for the ever increasing demand.

Great plans are formulated for the years ahead for the Credit Valley Watershed. It's a long range program that will require much time and money and thoughtful consideration of all people. In another article to appear either this week or at a later date, more details will be given in the Free Press.

But personally, we can recommend to all residents of this district, for reading, a copy of the 1957 Credit Valley Conservation Report and a visit over the byways of this interesting section of the country in your own neighborhood. Take along your picnic basket and your fishing equipment if you will and it won't require much

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