Killing, Maiming Birds

Many who read recent news articles about the killing and maiming of rare birds in a privately developed sanctuary probably had the same sickening feeling in the pit of their stomach that we had.

At no time have we ever made a great hobby of studying birds and quite often we're still fooled with the very common varieties when we try to name them. We couldn't then be described as any kind of fanatic towards birds. But we still got that hollow feeling in our stomach when we heard about the desecration at the sanctuary.

It was thought to be children who were responsible and we found too that the sanctuary was not the one first thought of at Eden Mills but was a similar establishment in Puslinch.

Children will be children we say, and as any parent knows they will do some unexplainable things. They can't be watched 24 hours a day and they can't be accompanied on every little expedition if they are to develop any self reliance. But somewhere along the way it can only be hoped that in the first 12 to 15 years of their life they might be taught a love for life, both their own, that of others and that of animals.

Perhaps we talk too much about hunting and fishing trips that little boys are supposed to like. Perhaps there are too many alarming headlines that have kept the Cold War hot for so many years. Perhaps we haven't been able to stress the importance of life to those young ones and above all perhaps we've forgotten to set the all important example.

Killing and maiming birds, valuable or common, leaves a hollow feeling with us. How about you?

Students Behaviour

With the start of a new year, men and women of the teaching profession face a new challenge. To those outside the profession who give the matter any serious consideration, the idea of facing some 35 to 40, or more girls and boys, just "relieved" of a more than two month holiday, must hold certain misgivings if not actual horrors. There can be little doubt but that many teachers also face the task with much dread, not because of doubts as to their own teaching abilities, but because of the very serious problems discipline poses, comments the Owen Sound Sun-Times in an editorial on a very timely topic.

There is a general agreement among teachers that the major problem is securing the co-operation of the students so that their teaching efforts may not be in vain. The irony in the problem is that it is not the teachers but, rather, the students, who are the losers should that effort be futile. However it is not the trouble makers only who suffer, but those students, who have matured to the normal stage where there is a genuine desire for learning, are also the victims.

Delegates to a recent Chicago convention of American Federation of Teachers said, for instance, that in many schools misbehaviour results in "the retarded progress of the normally adjusted students and actual deprivation of the gifted." It is well to lay stress on that expression "normally adjusted". For, unfortunately, there is a strong inclination today to view as abnormal those who tend to show maturity of learning, the recognition of the rights of others and, in general, the wisdom society accrues down through the years. Unfortunately this is not unique to the young, but is also an attitude which is often found in people of matured years through not matured thinking.

It has been suggested, and we believe correctly, that the discipline problem is chargable against the teachers to a greater degree than many will admit, not through lack of effort but, rather, because parents are not kept informed as to the waywardness of their offspring. Reform is not the teachers' purpose. Rather it is to instruct. In saying so we should point out the very great contribution teachers have made to reforming young people through the years.

Teachers and principals, perhaps, more particularly the latter, should keep parents fully informed as to just how bad things are in class, what role, if any, their children play in such problems, how their children are penalized.

Some Kettle of Fish

The new government printing bureau in Hull must be some kettle of fish.

The project has taken more grilling before a committee than any of the legislation that has gone through the Commons. Or perhaps we have been more interested in the developments than we have in the Commons action and this has given us a biased opinion.

As news reports continue, though, it appears that the tables may have been turned on at least one occasion when the committee continued its investigation by examining the architect. Apparently he didn't feel the $700,000 to repair the air conditioning system that the government approved, was at all necessary. Up to this point it had been suggested all the gross extravagance, and there certainly seemed to be that, was during the Liberal regime.

Just why does the government have a printing bureau we wondered. Well, according to a little book of Quick Canadian Facts we find that the federal government is one of the largest publishers in Canada. The Queen's Printer and various government departments and agencies produce several thousand publications annually. It requires more than 300 pages in the catalogue to list the titles and subject matter of all government publications.

We feel that some of this work could be equally well done in commercial plants throughout the country and future governments might be relieved of what has proven to be a rather embarrassing discussion on the qualities of underground streams, air conditioning that doesn't work, and other deficiencies.

Some kettle of fish.

What Others Say

A LONG STRETCH

The year-long centennial celebration may be just a bit boring to residents of the province, and is probably 10 or 11 months too long.

— Campbell River, B.C., Courier

A VITAL ROLE

Next to parents, no group more directly influences the lives of children than the teachers with whom they spend so much of their time. — Grenfell, Sask., Sun.

THE LITTERBUGS

Litterbugs have been at it again in town. Vast quantities of waste paper during any week are simply thrown on the street, often from cars, without consideration for the appearance of the town.

Virden, Man., Empire-Advance.

ON SOLID FOOTING

Farming has made the Peace River country go for a long time, and it will continue to do so for many years hence.

Grand Prairie Herald-Tribune.

UNIQUE EVENT

A fair combines instruction, competition, entertainment of different kinds and above all the opportunity to associate with old friends and acquaintances. No other event provides this variety of attraction.

—Estevan, Sask., Mercury.

Thanks Dr. Salk

With the Canadian National Exhibition nearing its end we can't help but recall earlier years when visits to the Ex were curtailed because of the "polio scare."

Halton so far this year hasn't had any reported cases of polio and the picture across the province has been one of similar good report. We'll be keeping our fingers crossed, if that does any good, but we just couldn't help thinking back to those earlier years and giving a quiet word of thanks for the Salk vaccine.

It's not too hard for some of us to forget those diseases when the cure or vaccine has been discovered. It's one of those things that gets chalked up in the hall of progress, it's accepted and that's the end of it.

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"Chestnut Hunt"

Jim's Jottings...

Will There Ever be Another?

- ONE OF THOSE hopes that has been in the back of my mind for a long time is that someday someone or some group might get around to staging a minstrel show as successful as the one 10 or 15 years ago during the war. It was one of those community projects that stands out in my young memory as an example of what is possible when you get a community working toward a common goal. Just about everyone will remember Bob Parker as the interlocutor and the end men, the chorus and other special acts. Three nights and it packed the town hall every night. Maybe someday that same community unity will blossom forth an equally successful event. I hope so. I'm partial to good minstrel shows.
- THE OTHER NIGHT, leaving the hospital as an unwilling youngster arrived, I wondered what could be harder for a parent than taking an unwilling child to a hospital, as she sobbed pleas not to be left.
- IT'S A PRETTY well known fact that a lot of regular activities stop in the summer months and entertainment is confined to the garden, the cottage and outdoor activities. Last week the coming events column increased quite a bit, another sign of fall and resumption of regular activities.
- WITH LABOR DAY over and the fall season not far behind, October will have the next long weekend when Thanksgiving is observed about the middle of the month.
- YOU THINK YOU'VE heard everything? There's a man in Buffalo who manufactures bird caskets, and his best clients are bereaved budgie owners. The cost ranges from $1.79 for plastic ones to $6.50 for the best hand-made ceramics model, complete with pillow.
- SOME SHEEP IN Wyoming are being clad experimentally with form-fitting plastic jackets to protect their wool from snagging and dirt. Once one wears one they'll all want one, sheep are just like a flock of people that way.
- STREETSVILLE IS preparing to celebrate its centennial next year and it's interesting to note that they plan to erect a cairn in the pioneer cemetery of that community.
- WHEN ALL THOSE mistakes climb into one issue of a paper, you have to look for consolation somewhere. These words are by Allan B. Kline, American Farm Bureau. "It is probably inevitable that errors should occasionally appear in the papers. When the volume of news covered every week is considered, it is rather astonishing that so little misinformation appears."
- I MADE SOME candy the other day. It wasn't anything outstanding, mind you, and the regular cook did have to solve a couple of problems but it did take me back to the many Sunday afternoons when that was the big event of a weekend or perhaps the Sunday afternoon answer for something to do. Do children still make candy?
- THERE ISN'T TOO much longer for those holding Victory Bonds to get them converted. You have your choice of four issues — the longest term bond giving the highest interest on your investment — four and a half per cent. Your banker can help you if you need assistance.
- IF HISTORY REALLY repeats itself what about a repetition of some of those eras of peace and plenty? Peterborough Examiner.
- DOWN FORT ERIE way youngsters have been making bed rods built from wooden boxes and tricycle wheels. It sound a lot like the soap box type of vehicle but perhaps the new name is simply symbolic of the changing times.

Church Meet To be Small UN

The role of Canada as a bridge between nations will be remarked again in Toronto when delegates from nearly 40 nations will attend the history making Fifth World Conference of Pentecostal Churches which will meet in the Coliseum, Arena, Exhibition Park, Toronto, from September 14 to 21, according to Rev. K. J. Reid, pastor of the Acton Pentecostal church, 33 Churchill Road.

According to Mr. Reid, the conference will have overtones of a small United Nations in its racial and political diversity. Reservations have been received from nearly 40 nations, and 35 United States states and all 10 Canadian provinces. Despite the agreement in matters of theology and Christian experience and their spiritual brotherhood, there is a large area of diversity in political and social outlook.

Opposites in Outlook

A large delegation of colored people from the United States is comprised of strong anti-segregationalists. At the opposite extreme, there will be a senator from South Africa who is a member of the South African Nationalist government party, who will also be accompanied by a colored South African who subscribes to the nationalist apartheid doctrine. Between these two positions practically every political and social view will be found from left to right.

This is the first time that such a world-wide conference of the 5,000,000 members of the Pentecostal denomination will be held in North America. Previous conventions were held in Zurich, Switzerland, in 1947; Paris, France in 1949, London, England in 1952, and Stockholm, Sweden in 1955.

Rev. Walter E. McAlister, general superintendent of the host to the Conference, The Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada, is chairman of the advisory council of the Convention. The Pentecostal Assemblies of Canada number 670 churches in Canada.

Cutworms Increase In Dry Conditions

Near drought conditions on the prairies early this year gave way to serious damage from cutworms. Hard hit were sections of Alberta and Saskatchewan.

Outlook for 1959: A further increase in cutworms. This sombre warning is based on surveys and rainfall recorded in May and June, when the larvae were actively feeding.

THIS SUNDAY'S CHURCH CALENDAR

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Minister
Parsonage—39 Bower Avenue
Phone 60
Mr. George Elliott
Organist and Choir Leader
70 Howard Ave., Acton, phone 6

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7th, 1958
9.00 a.m.—Morning Prayer.
10.00 a.m.—Junior Church and Church School.
11.15 a.m.—Morning Worship.

THE ANGLICAN CHURCH OF CANADA
St. Alban's Church, Acton, Ont.
Rector: Rev. H. B. Stokreef, L. Th., S.T.B.
185 Jeffery St., phone 265.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7th, 1958
(14th SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY)
8.30 a.m.—Holy Communion.
9.45 a.m.—Church School.
11.00 a.m.—Beginners' Class
11.00 a.m.—Choral Communion.

"A sincere invitation is extended to all parishioners to join us in welcoming our new Rector." — Wardens.

ACTON PENTECOSTAL TABERNACLE
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P.A.O.C.
Rev. Kenneth J. Reid, Pastor
75 Cook St., phone 649-W

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7th, 1958
10.00 a.m.—Sunday School
11.00 a.m.—Morning Worship
7.30 p.m.—Evangelistic Service.
Wednesday, 8 p.m. — Prayer and Bible Study.
Friday, 8 p.m.—Christ Ambassadors.

BAPTIST CHURCH
ACTON
SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7th, 1958
9.45 a.m.—Church School.
11.00 a.m.—Morning Worship, followed by Communion.
Mr. Richard McTavish, Guelph, Ont.

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

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 7th, 1958
9.45 a.m.—Church School.
11.00 a.m.—Morning Worship (Junior Congregation, ages 3-7.)
7.00 p.m.—Evening Worship.

THE GOOD OLD DAYS

BACK IN 1938

Taken from the issue of the Free Press, Thursday, September 8, 1938

Work commenced this morning on finishing the Mill St pavement started just a year ago. This takes in the section from Wilbur St to John St., three blocks. The road surface is being built up with a composition filler to level the road up to the grade just below the curbs. The top surface is known as "non-skid" pavement.

The school bell rang Tuesday and summoned Acton scholars back to their studies in the public school. Miss M. Z. Bennett principal, reports an enrollment of 212 pupils. Over at the high school principal M. M. Leitch reported a total enrollment of 74 pupils.

The marriage was solemnized of Anna Ward Foreman daughter of Rev. A. O. W. Foreman and Mrs. Foreman, to Gordon Fowlie Aitken son of Mr. J. C. Aitken and the late Mrs. Aitken of Oshawa, at Bethesda United church on S. Saturday afternoon.

The district surrounding Acton has many exhibitors of livestock at the C.N.E. again this year. Robert Kerr and Son, who are well known exhibitors of hackney horses, won the gold medal for the best horse of five of this breed of horses. They also won the reserve award for the best stallion, three years and over.

One of the largest barns in the district, owned by the Messrs. Garrow Eden Mills, burned to the ground yesterday afternoon about 3 o'clock. The cause was believed to be from a spectator fire on Saturday night. The entire season's crop, an estimated 70 tons of hay, was destroyed in the blaze but there was no stock lost. Spontaneous combustion was blamed for the outbreak.

A spill of four barrels of bulk milk on Main St. the other day held up traffic for a short time. The mishap occurred when the bulkward came out of the trainer owned by Mr. L. O. Johnston and allowed the barrels to upset.

When the old frost casing at the water tower was removed the other day, a hand was found built into the structure near the top outside the water pipe. When removed, it pointed to the ground below and was very much alive. It is 17 years since the casing was constructed and there seems every reason to believe that it was only during the construction that the hand could have gotten into the place in which it was found.

BACK IN 1908

Taken from the issue of the Free Press, Thursday, September 3, 1908

While playing at a quoit match on Fairbairn rink last Friday evening Mr. W. Gunson was struck on the right eye with an apple thrown by a mischievous boy in the adjoining lot. The blow blackened the eyelid and caused painful bruises. It may have been thoughtless but it certainly was a rather forcible act.

Councillor J. A. Murray has just returned from a two weeks driving trip among friends in Lanark and Trafalgar and is prepared to furnish proof that Mr. J. F. Hendrie stole himself capture of 222 speckled trout during anything to prevent.

It is somewhat unique to hear of a tie vote among such other as the matter of being the first to pay their taxes. It is the well known fact of Mr. J. McCrae of Church St. that for 23 years he has been the first taxpayer each year to pay the taxes. This year Mr. Adam Hunter determined to win the laurels. On Friday evening he hurried to the office but to and behold he found Mr. McCrae coming down with the receipt in his hand.

The works of the Acton Tube Co. were re-opened on Monday with a full complement of men. The long shed for a fortnight. The prospects are as bright as for South Africa at full time.

On Tuesday morning the school bell pealed over the public and high school and the sound of the bell was heard upon the streets of Acton. 10 weeks. The staff consists of W. H. Stewart principal, Misses F. M. Honeycombe, Anne E. Hodson, Minnie Bennett, Queenie McIntyre, Minnie Hobor and Katharine Kennedy.

The final game in the Halton Pool tournament played in Acton resulted in Acton winning the championship by a score of 26-4 on Brampton Saturday. The champions arrived home by the 6.30 train and were accorded a rousing reception. They were met at the station by Acton Citizens. Hard stories of both horses and hundreds of citizens. The cars were decked in red, in a concave and were drawn downtown where some complimentary speeches were heard.

A contingent of about 40 Indians arrived at Mr. Robert Day's north line on Monday and will commence picking of the large crop of hops today.

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6.33 a.m. (Daily except Sun. and Hol.); 8.38 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.; 12.57 p.m.; 3.57 p.m.; 5.27 p.m.; 7.27 p.m.; 9.13 p.m.; 11.32 p.m.; 1.12 a.m. (Fri., Sat., Sun. and Hol.).

CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAYS
Standard Time
Eastbound
Daily - 8.40 a.m.; Daily except Sundays 10.00 a.m.; 7.14 p.m.; Sunday only 8.06 p.m.; Daily except Sunday Flyer at Georgetown 8.02 a.m.; 6.27 p.m.; Daily Flyer at Georgetown 10.11 p.m.
Westbound
Daily 11.44 p.m.; Daily except Sunday, 8.30 a.m.; 6.53 p.m.; 7.40 p.m.; Saturday only 1.22 p.m.; Sunday only 8.03 a.m. (Hamilton); Sunday only Flyer at Guelph 7.03 p.m.; Daily except Sat. and Sun. 8.31 a.m.