

Still Worse

Canadians who have just finished the task of filing their 1958 income tax returns may thank their lucky stars that things in this country haven't come to the sorry pass that exists in the U.S., where the State of Massachusetts collects a non-resident income tax from airline pilots who merely fly over its territory. Some in Washington, it seems, recognize the unfairness of the Massachusetts tax and are seeking an amendment to the U.S. Constitution to prohibit such a levy. But the likelihood of tax-hungry politicians in Congress passing such an amendment is acknowledged to be slight. Apparently nobody has yet figured out the tax plight of the first man who goes aloft in a space satellite.

An Impressive List

Everyone at some time or other seems to take a swing at CBC and so it seems only fitting this week that we should offer the organization congratulations on the number of awards it won at the 23rd annual presentation of Ohio Awards.

The awards for excellence in educational and public service broadcasting are sponsored by the Ohio State University. All in all,

CBC TV won six of seven first prizes awarded for network shows, and a first award for local programming plus five of 23 honorable mentions handed out.

CBC radio won five of a possible 30 firsts and five of 24 honorable mentions.

That strikes us as being a fairly impressive list of awards and our congratulations to the CBC for its efforts and its success.

A Wise Course

Ontario's gift to Queen Elizabeth to mark the Royal Visit this summer is one that might well be emulated across the country.

Lieutenant-Governor J. Keiller Mackay and Premier Leslie Frost announced that the gift will be a \$500,000 scholarship fund.

The fund will be turned over to a committee comprising the presidents of the province's universities "with absolutely no strings attached."

"The money may be distributed by them in any manner they see fit," the announcement said. "It is our hope that this flexibility will provide assistance in cases which might not qualify under the more rigid types of bursaries."

Establishment of the fund is in keeping with a wish expressed by Her Majesty that gifts to her be such "that they will broaden the opportunities of this great province and enrich her people," the premier added.

Royal visits are an occasion for showers of gifts, all graciously received but all too frequently, at best, mementoes.

A scholarship fund is a lasting tribute whose benefits are limitless. The Queen Elizabeth II Scholarship Fund will be set up so it may become larger in the future.

It does honor to the Queen and will be a cherished and valued award to those who are the recipients of benefits.

One is One Too Many

On roads patrolled by the Ontario provincial police there were 176 accidental deaths in four months to the end of April, more than one a day, up eight from the same period a year ago.

Most, if not all, accidental deaths are preventable. So it is not enough to say that the increase is slight. The deaths in 1959 from vehicle accidents are 176 too many.

In 1958, in all of Ontario there were 1,112 highway deaths. Motor vehicles were involved in most. Just one involved a horse-drawn vehicle.

In addition to deaths on roads patrolled by the province, the cities have their own tragic records.

Metropolitan Toronto by May 1st had had 28 vehicle deaths since the latest New Year's celebration, compared with 52 a year ago. To reduce the total is a gain, but only one death is one too many.

Something strange about the human

mind is that horror is not cumulative. The eleven hundred deaths in Ontario last year were griefs for individual families. A headline "1,100 Die in Shipwreck" would be an event seared into historic record never to be forgotten.

Then there are events that get, by the standard of the automotive record, disproportionate notice. In Ontario there have been for instance, two or three deaths in the last year from fires or explosions due to natural gas. These have been two or three too many deaths and it is hoped there will be none in the future. In any event the risk to a large public from natural gas, is much less than is a highway jaunt in a motor vehicle.

Before the reader can see this, it is almost certain that Metro Toronto will have one or more further deaths from motor vehicles. In contrast, the natural gas industry with the usual care and only a little bit of luck may avoid tragedy for a long time to come.

—The Tweed News.

Sunday Weather: Unsettled

"An increasing number of business men want the Lord's Day Act observed," states Rev. A. S. McGrath, general secretary of the Lord's Day Alliance. Numerous owners of small businesses, real estate firms, and others, view with distaste and annoyance the illegal activities of competitors who commercialize Sundays, according to the annual report of the Alliance just issued.

"The majority of people in business wish to keep their shops closed on Sunday," the report maintains. "They claim need of the day of rest, and acknowledge a desire for the change it provides. Yet these privileges are being endangered by unlawful activities of business rivals."

The report also indicates that the matter of cultural entertainments and activities provided on the Lord's Day "for the beneficial and elevating influence," and without a view to monetary gain, will eventually need to come under review, with consequent alteration of law. The Alliance, however, sounds a strong warning. Projects which show little interest in ennobling life, but only in making profit, should continue to be prohibited.

Significantly, the 1959 report of the Lord's Day Alliance is entitled: "Sunday Weather: Unsettled!" Altitudes are in ferment, according to the report. The Sunday that Canada has long known is under fire. Law is under attack, the report avers, with all its

complex problems of Dominion responsibility and Provincial preferences. Mounting pressures suggest that the matter cannot be permanently postponed, the report says. Because of the frequency of offences against the Lord's Day Act and the ever-present effort of business toward expansion, the menace has serious significance for the whole community. That the present situation should have "the attention and cooperative effort of the altruistic and the concerned," is the main plea of the report.

Live and Let Live

In their natural woodland setting the trilliums are one of the most attractive spring wild flowers. The trilliums at Terra Cotta Conservation area were particularly beautiful last Sunday dappling the forest floor with gay white patterns.

The young city man noticed the trilliums too but he wasn't content to admire them in their native environment. He and his son began picking them. By the time a conservation staffer caught up with them, they had plucked almost every trillium in sight.

"Of course the harm had been done. The conservation man patiently explained that wild flowers with few exceptions do not take kindly to being picked. The trilliums wilted within half an hour and wound up in an ash can.

"Panning for Silver"

Sugar and Spice....

BY BILL SMILEY

There is a tendency, as we start pushing 40, and 40 starts pushing back, to don rose-colored glasses every time we look back at our childhood. This is one of the more disgusting symptoms of approaching senility, and should be resisted stoutly.

For example, I was thinking of writing a column about the twenty-fourth of May. It was going to be nostalgic and saccharine: what a grand celebration the 24th used to be: what a pity they've changed the date to the nearest or farthest or something Monday and lost all the significance of the holiday: how the kids nowadays don't have as much fun as we did on the 24th of May.

Fortunately, seeking a little extra background, I asked my wife what she did when she was a kid, on the 24th. "Nothing," she replied. Sadly but sensibly, I realized that what I'd been about to write was pure puff. There wasn't any great celebration on the 24th, when I was a kid. It was just a welcome holiday, and no kid I ever knew cared two firecrackers for old Queen Victoria.

What's more, kids nowadays have just as much fun as we ever did, only they're a little more sophisticated about it. Looking back, all I can remember about the 24th is going around all day buying firecrackers. I wanted, and going to bed that night with a couple of burned fingers and a singed eyebrow or two. That is exactly what my kids do, so they must be having just as much fun as I did.

In the third place, I think it's an excellent idea to move the 24th to the preceding Monday. When a

holiday has no significance in the history or tradition of a nation, at least, let's have it fall on Monday, and make a long weekend of it. Long weekends help reduce the surplus population, as Scrooge put it.

The whole conception of holidays in this country is sorely in need of a major overhaul. I'm a great believer in holidays, but ours are as haphazard as the political system we've inherited. Under our present set-up they are not only poorly arranged, but scanty.

Some of our months are all right. In July, of course, we have that great national holiday that stirs the blood of every Canadian. The First of July, August has Civic Holiday, September gives us Labor Day and October is rich with Thanksgiving.

But how about that November? Thirty of the most dismal and depressing days in the year, and not a holiday to lighten the gloom. Why not call a holiday for the second Monday in November? We could name it Last Call for Storm Windows Day.

In December, we have Christmas, Boxing Day, and only a week later, New Year's Day. Fine. We need them all. But long, dark and cold loom January and February, without a break in either of them. We should stick a couple of Monday holidays in there. In January, we could celebrate that ceremony that is rapidly gaining popularity in Canada, and have Packing for Florida Day.

February could be broken up nicely by moving Valentine's Day to the nearest Monday and calling it Love Day. There isn't a

single day in the year set aside for love. We could love our neighbors, our wives, our children, our neighbors' wives, and anybody else who was in the mood. It would certainly liven up dull old February.

March and April get tricky, with Easter. But if Easter came in April, could we not have a Monday holiday in March, called March Hare Day. We could all go mad with delight at getting through the winter, flung off our outer habiliments, and dancy in the streets. In our overshoes.

If Easter came in March, we'd need a special Monday holiday about the middle of April, which is the cruelest month. We might designate it as April Fool Day. It would be a suitably joyous celebration if the government marked it by delivering a load of fool proof to every loyal citizen just enough to carry him through to the first of July. When he can let his furnace out.

That takes care of every month but June. Do you realize there isn't a single long weekend in June, one of our most delightful months? And one of our busiest months on the highways. Think of the triumph with which our daily papers could trumpet: FIRST JUNE LONG WEEKEND KILLS 103.

Yes, we must have a Monday holiday in June. What shall we call it? Let's see. June is the month of marriages. We could have a national holiday on the second Monday, and name it Rude Awakening Day.

Tips on Touring

By Carol Lane

Women's Travel Authority

What kind of driver has the most accidents? The rank beginner? The skilled but too daring youngster? The older, over-cautious driver?

If you picked any of these, you're wrong.

The fact is that the so-called "average driver" has most of the accidents. As one of this country's top traffic safety experts said recently: "The real key to traffic safety is the fellow who sits behind the wheel, the fellow who decides whether his car shall travel 50 or 70 miles an hour, whether to halt at a stop sign or barge through, whether his car will blend itself sensibly and safely into the traffic stream, or create turmoil, confusion and danger."

No Special Class He goes on to say that although we like to think there is a special class of "careless driver" flouting laws and enjoying discourteous actions, this is not so. Actually, there are few habitually careless drivers. Eliminating them wouldn't start to solve the whole problem.

What to do? First of all—realize you are the average driver, and practice safe driving yourself, all the time. Remember that you are "the other fellow" to "the other fellow."

Some safe driving tips: avoid over-confidence, emotional disturbances, hypnotic, unattentive driving, poor mechanical condition of car, distractions while motoring.

THE GOOD OLD DAYS

Back in 1909

Back in 1939

Taken from the issue of the Free Press, Thursday, May 27, 1909.

Citizens are wondering if it was just an innocent game of cards which kept the 24 or 25 young men at the drill shed last Saturday night on through to three o'clock Sunday morning. Looks like a gambling bout. Captain Gamble will investigate.

Some of the players who came to town last Saturday with the Shamrock baseball club of Guelph, were a positive disgrace to the good city from whence they came. Several of them arrived in town drunk and became more intoxicated as the day progressed.

Their foul language and profanity at the park during the game was atrocious and most offensive. The ladies who had gathered to see the game left in a body and Constable Smith arrived to reprimand them.

On Tuesday shortly before noon as Peter Masales was driving on Main Street from town to his home, the 1115 train came along. One of the horses, a four-year-old, became frightened at the train and rushed at top speed toward it. Mr. Masales was unable to control the team further. He managed to turn them alongside the track just as the train reached the crossing, but not far enough away to escape.

The engine caught the tongue of the wagon and struck the horse, killing him instantly. The wagon tongue was smashed but Mr. Masales and the other horse escaped unhurt. The horse which was killed was a valuable one purchased last fall for \$180.

Several fires were caused last Monday by children playing with firecrackers around town. If they are to be allowed, then the parents should supervise the letting off of these fireworks.

The first car of crushed stone arrived from St. Mary's this week and the town workers are busy spreading it on the streets. Perhaps a car or grade of stone would have been more suitable.

One of the grades at the public school, along with the teacher, participated in the rucks in Rockwood this week. Several of the children were allowed to go in swimming a while after they had their lunch. The pupils reported having a grand time and no doubt prefer it to their regular class.

Taken from the issue of the Free Press, Thursday, May 25, 1939.

During the week, Mr. John A. Smith offered to supply a hundred maple trees or some elms from his farm near Acton in the plan to beautify Acton. The trees would have no cost other than securing and digging them. There are a hundred trees available. To date no person or organization has attempted to take advantage of Mr. Smith's generous offer, but there are plenty of spots throughout town where the trees could certainly be planted.

A hall packed to the doors greeted the annual Empire Day concert last Thursday evening in the town hall. This event is sponsored by the Duke of Devonshire Chapter I.O.D.E. and the program is furnished by the pupils of the Acton public school. At the start of the program, the regent presented a new flag to Rev. F. McCutcheon on behalf of the town.

Members of the Acton Branch of the Legion will guard the railway crossings when the Royal train passes through Acton next month. About 50 of the members were among the escorts that guarded their Majesties in Toronto last Monday.

Seven-year-old Dorcen Beaton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Beaton, was killed Saturday afternoon when she was crushed by a heavy farm roller after the team drawing it had bolted. The parents had been away all day attending the market in Hamilton and John, a 15-year-old brother to the little girl, took the roller to the field and his sister went along with him.

While the team was waiting at the gate for traffic to pass, they apparently became frightened and bolted. The boy tried to catch his sister who was riding on the roller and in doing so dropped one of the reins, giving the animals complete freedom. They dashed down the highway and the child was thrown from the machine, being crushed to death between the roller and the cement pavement.

The town workmen have been busy this week spreading calcium chloride on the roads in town in order to keep the dust down. The fact they are applying the calcium early this year should console housewives bothered with dust during recent weeks.

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6:33 a.m. Eastbound
1:00 p.m. Daily except Sun. and
Hols. 5:38 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. Westbound

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RAILWAYS

Standard Time

Daily 5:40 a.m. Daily except
Sundays 10:00 a.m. 7:14 p.m. Sun-
days only 8:01 p.m. Daily except
Sundays Flyer at Georgetown 9:02
a.m. 8:27 p.m. Daily Flyer at
Georgetown 10:11 p.m.

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Sundays 8:30 a.m. 6:53 p.m. 7:49
p.m. Saturday only 12:22 p.m. Sun-
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SUNDAY, MAY 24th, 1959

10:00 a.m.—Sunday School

11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship

7:30 p.m.—Evangelistic

Our Evangelists: Miss Phyllis Mas-
on and Miss Ella Parmenter.

will be speaking and singing
at each service. Special ser-
vices continuing nightly except
Monday and Saturday at 8 p.m.

A Friendly Welcome to All

BAPTIST CHURCH

ACTON

Pastor:

Rev. Gordon M. Holmes, B.A. B.Th.

115 Bower Avenue

SUNDAY, MAY 24th, 1959

8:45 a.m.—Church School

11:00 a.m.—Only a Boy! The Ord-
nance of Believers' Baptism.

7:00 p.m.—Congregational singing
"Jesus is Lord"

Wednesday, 8 p.m.—The mid-week
service for Bible Study, Wit-
ness and Prayer.

All are Welcome

UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

Acton, Ontario

Rev. Gordon Adams, M.A., B.D.

Minister

Mr. George Elliott

Organist and Choral Leader

SUNDAY, MAY 24th, 1959

9:00 a.m. Morning Prayer

10:00 a.m.—Junior Church and
Church School

11:15 a.m. Morning Worship

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SUNDAY, MAY 24th, 1959

THIRTIETH SUNDAY

24 May 1959

8:30 a.m.—Holy Eucharist

9:45 a.m.—Church School

11:00 a.m.—Beginners' Class.

11:00 a.m.—Matsings

All are Welcome!

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IN CANADA

KNOX CHURCH, ACTON

Rev. Andrew H. McKenzie,

B.A., B.D.

SUNDAY, MAY 24th, 1959

9:45 a.m.—Church School

11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship Ser-
mon theme: "A Thirst for the
Living God"—Children
three years and under cared for
during service at manse.