Editorial Page

Canadian Achievement

A new grain, named "whye" because it is similar to a wheat-rye-hybrid, has been developed by scientists working at the University of Manitoba. Standing six feet high and with a beard two to three times the length of that of normal grain, if whye flourishes it may triple the amount of grain that can be grown on an acre of ground.

The Canadian scientists are reported to have scoured the world to find the seeds of the original grasses from which modern grains developed. From this beginning selective breeding has developed the entirely new cereal grain. There are now eleven pounds of the seed, but it will be several years before any can be released to farmers. Each kernel must be carefully planted and the resulting grain as carefully replanted to build up the supply. The Canadian distilling company that has co-operated in the whye project will have to wait several additional years before the supply of the grain permits its use in industrial experiments.

The whye project recalls other great Canadian successes in the same field, notably the work of Sir Charles Saunders. As Dominion cerealist at the Ottawa Experimental Farm, in 1904 Sir Charles developed the famous Marquis wheat. Five years later it was distributed to western farmers and within a few years millions of acres were seeded with Marquis. An improved variety that was introduced in 1947, ten years after Sir Charles' death, bears the name of Saunders. And there have been other Canadian-developed strains of wheat that, by their resistance to disease, faster maturing and better flour qualities, have made major contributions to the world's food supply.

It may be that some day whye will provide the answer to the problem, foreseen by more than one, of a food supply inadequate to the needs of a vastly expanded world population.

The Good Old Days

People with short memories and a limited knowledge of social history like to refer to "the good old days" with the implication that life was so much sweeter then.

This may have been true in a few cases but certainly not in the majority of instances, as indicated by a set of "house rules" posted on the wall for employees of a carriage shop in 1879.

"Rules of This Establishment" were as follows:

1. Employees working here shall dust the furniture, clean their desks and sweep the floor daily.

2. All windows shall be cleaned once a week.

3. Each employee shall bring his own bucket of water and scuttle of coal for each day's work.

4. Lamps shall be trimmed and chimneys cleaned daily.

5. Working hours shall be 7.00 a.m. to 8.00 p.m. every day but the Sabbath. On the Sabbath everyone is expected to be in the Lord's House.

6. Employees are expected to trim their own pen nibs to suit themselves.

7. It is expected that each employee shall participate in the activities of the church and contribute liberally to the Lord's work.

8. All employees must show themselves worthy of their hire.

9. Employees are expected to be in bed by 10.00 p.m., except each male employee may be given one evening a week for courting and two evenings a week in the Lord's House.

10. After an employee has been with our firm for five years, he shall receive an added payment of five cents per day, providing the firm has prospered in a manner to make it possible.

11. It is the bounden duty of each employee to put away at least 10 per cent of his wages for his declining years, so that he will not become a burden upon the charity of his betters.

12. Any employee who is shaven in public parlors, frequents pool rooms or uses tobacco shall be brought before the management to give reasons why he should be continued in employment.

Who Pays for Royalty?

What about writing an article (says a reader) about what it costs a new Canadian or would-be Canadian for the Royal Family? The Eastern Europeans where I work get excited about how much they pay in taxes to the U.K. to keep up the Royal Family. I don't think we pay anything; but I'm not sure, so I can't put up much of an argument. They sit around at lunch time talking about their money going out of the country.

Answer: No money goes out of Canada to keep up the Royal Family. Canadians are in the happy position of having a Queen of their own, at no cost to Canadians. The English do the paying.

It is also interesting that Canadians invented this system by which there is a group of countries Canada, Australia, the United Kingdom, Ghana, South Africa, India, New Zealand, the West Indies Federation, the Malaya Federation, Pakistan and probably others by the time this gets printed and all these countries are equal in authority and each one has a Queen. A hard thing to understand is that the Queen of each country happens to be the same person. Her Majesty, Elizabeth the Second, is Queen of each Commonwealth country. And the English pay.

Buffalo Miracle

Old timers must have rubbed their eyes when they saw a report from Ottawa announcing that there would be an open season for buffalo hunting this fall, comments The Financial Post.

It's a miracle that there are any of these big animals alive in North America today, let alone so many that limited hunting is to be permitted again.

Less than 50 years ago it was exceedingly doubtful whether the buffalo could survive except for the famous pair of bronze ones in the Manitoba legislature buildings. By the end of the century the vast herds that once roamed the western prairies had completely vanished. Only a handful of animals were left, all in zoos or private reserves.

Rapid and total extinction was certain when the Canadian government stepped in, purchased the only sizeable group available and gave it protection in a special reserve in Saskatchewan. Now there are several thousand and for the first time since 1893 public hunting will be permitted again.

Brief Comments

A survey has shown that nine of every ten West German high school students, aged 15 to 17, either knew nothing about Hitler or believed that on the whole he did more good than harm. And in a few years these ignorant young people will be helping to run their country. — Brantford Expositor

About the only fields left in which an amateur doesn't have much of a chance are brain surgery and bank robbery. — Calgary Herald

Thou shalt not kill is a law of God and a law of society. I had the right of way can never be a valid answer. — St. Catharines Standard

This is the time of year when the home gardener wishes that more grass would grow in the lawns and less in the flower bed. — Ottawa Citizen

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"Castles Underway"

Sugar and Spice ....

BY BILL SMILEY

Every year, in our family, we spend more time talking about our holidays than most people would if they were planning a trip around the world.

If the vacation was for a month, three weeks, or even two, there might be some point in all the talk. But the entire deal consists of one week. And one week's holiday is about as beneficial as one drink for an alcoholic. It merely gets the recipient upset, and instills a mad desire for more.

Some years we have attended weekly newspaper conventions on our holidays. They are usually held about 700 miles from home. The holiday involves weeks of discussion about wardrobes for both hot and cold weather, half a dozen firm decisions that we can't afford it, and endless fulminations to plant the kids with somebody.

In the end, we declare roundly to each other that we're only young once, and take off in a great flurry of last-minute reservations and irritations. And what with all the social events, the late hours and the long trip, we arrive home completely fagged and equally broke, the last two bucks having been spent on presents for the kids, grabbed at the cigar stand in Union Station, on the last lap of the journey home.

One year, we decided to just stay home. I was going to paint the trim on the house. On that occasion I learned two things: that you can't get much trim painted when you knock off every half hour for refreshments; and that I am constitutionally unable to work with the Old Lady as straw boss. That year, I got two and a half windows painted, and they sat like that for about three years, until they faded back into the shabbiness of the rest of the trim.

Each year, during the fall, winter and spring, we have long, amicable, and reasonable talks about our holidays. My wife agrees that it is only sensible that a man who has a mere week should get away from his wife and family, go on a fishing trip, or get off with some male friends.

And each year, when my week's holiday looms, she stops being a logical human being and reverts to being a woman. She is not going to be stuck at home with the kids while HER husband goes larking off for a week with the boys, enjoying himself thoroughly.

It's my firm belief, stated on many occasions, that a man should get away from his family once a year. And every hot, disgruntled, irritated male tourist I see walking past my office window, herding a horde of demanding youngsters and a cross, perspiring wife, merely confirms this opinion.

Mind you, I think a woman should get away from her family once in a while, too. Every three or four years a wife should be allowed to go and visit her mother, or one of her sisters, for two or three days. As long as she leaves plenty of baking, lots of clean laundry, and doesn't want to spend any money while she's away.

Seriously, though, my Old Battleaxe agrees with me about men getting away for a change on their holidays. In theory. What burns her up is that men appear to have a wonderful time when they are on a holiday with other men, and women are just not interested in going on a jaunt with other women. It is one of the manifold unfairnesses, though why it is so, she can't quite explain. My suggestion that women are eternally fascinated by men, and men can take women or leave them alone, fails to strike a responsive chord.

At any rate, weaking that I am, I have given in again this year. We have taken a cottage nearby for two weeks. I'll commute the first week, and the second week I'll have a peachy holiday sitting watching the kids while they swim.

Oh well, I've got her pretty worried, anyway. I'll be staying in town for lunch every day that first week, and a fellow can get into a lot of hellery at lunch-hour, if he puts his mind to it.

The BIBLE Today

A colporteur has been described as "a man with a bag in his hand." This bag, or sometimes a pack, is filled with Bibles, Testaments and Gospels in the language or languages of the territory in which he serves.

"The work of colportage," writes Monsieur J. Blumenthal, general secretary of the French Bible Committee, "remains the most effective means of contact with the general public. The increasing use of Bible stands at trade fairs is also a method used in a growing number of localities for the strengthening of the witness of the church."

Some [illegible] colporteurs have [illegible] inspirational gatherings of Bible-Sale-Scene, the Franco-Belgian Colportage Conference of Africa, and for young [illegible] the Y.M.C.A. in Africa.

[illegible] Sunday, [illegible] Monday, October [illegible] 24, 12-23 [illegible] Daniel [illegible]

Pre-Natal Classes Begin in September

[illegible] September [illegible] in Acton [illegible] Childbirth and [illegible] conducted in [illegible] by the [illegible] Halton County Health Unit.

The course will include basic [illegible] facts of [illegible] and family [illegible]. Mothers will also receive demonstrations on basic techniques used in general body relaxation in preparation for before and after [illegible].

Four series of classes beginning at regular intervals will be held, with 10 classes in each series. Further information is available at the local office of the health unit.

THIS SUNDAY'S CHURCH CALENDAR

UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA
Acton, Ontario
Rev. Gordon Adams, M.A., B.D.
Mr. George Fisher
Organist and Choir Leader

SUNDAY, AUGUST 16th, 1959
July 26th to September 13th: 9 a.m. Morning Prayer conducted.
11.15 a.m. July 26th to August 23rd inclusive: Rev. R. B. Cook will be guest preacher. Church School meets with congregation at 11.15. Classes in basement at approximately 11.40.

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SUNDAY, AUGUST 16th, 1959
10.00 a.m. - Sunday School
11.00 a.m. - Morning Worship
7.30 p.m. - Evangelistic
Tuesday, 8 p.m. - Prayer and Bible study
Thursday, 8 p.m. - Christ Ambassadors "Christ is Your Answer"
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KNOX CHURCH, ACTON
Rev. Andrew H. McKinnon, B.A., B.D.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 16th, 1959
Hour and Morning Worship
Conducted by Mr. Robert Wylie, Waterloo College, [illegible] Congregational [illegible]

THE CHURCH OF ST. ALBAN THE MARTYR
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The Twelfth Sunday after Trinity
SUNDAY, AUGUST 16th, 1959
8.30 a.m. Holy Eucharist
11.00 a.m. Holy Eucharist
All Are Welcome

BAPTIST CHURCH
ACTON
Pastor
Rev. Gordon M. Holmes, B.A., B.Th.
115 Bower Avenue

SUNDAY, AUGUST 16th, 1959
9.45 a.m. Church School
11.00 a.m. - Public Worship

THE GOOD OLD DAYS

Back in 1939

Taken from the issue of the Free Press, Thursday, August 17, 1939.

The knockers' bench was really silent last Thursday evening when a game was scheduled between the Old Timers and the present day Intermediate ball team. Reason for silence seemed to be that one knock and you're on the team. Even at that, someone was quite busy and dug up plenty of material from among those who used to play the sport.

What the pitching staff lacked in material was made up for in numbers. We are told the score was 8-8 and a play-off game will be necessary to break the tie. Frank Terry went the whole route for the Intermediates and pitching duties for the old-timers were shared by Bill Nawn, Neil Gibbons, Tommy Telfer and Dr. E. J. Nelson. The old-timers proved they had better hitting ability and their steady punching made up for the slow base running.

Perhaps one of the highlights of the game was the squeeze play Doc Nelson and Dude Lindsay engineered from third base. It was so funny that Frank Terry couldn't throw the ball and Doc walked in [illegible] ball. There was plenty of batting competition between Dude Lindsay and Bunk Holmes and we are informed the senior player won out.

Mrs. Charles Laurence, aged 21, of Bronte, was chosen "Miss Halton" and won $50 in prize money in the bathing beauty contest last Saturday at the annual Blakelock picnic. There were 21 entries in the contest with eight appearing from Acton. The Acton entrants remained in the competition until the finals.

Something new in Canada was tried at the Blue Spruce Scout Camp this week and about 70 scouts representing various places in Ontario are present at the Camporee. The patrols were made up of five scouts and competitions were based on a total of 1,000 points with the First Acton Troop winning in the Class "A" division. Members of the Yucca Patrol of Acton who competed in Class 'A' were: Tom Watson, Dirk Van Goozen, Cal Rowles, Lloyd Robinson, Cliff Young, Dave Dills, Wilson Gordon and Ken Hassard.

Back in 1909

Taken from the issue of the Free Press, Thursday, August 19, 1909.

Last Friday forenoon, William Reeves, an employee of Beardmore and Company, while getting off one of the wagons after assisting with a load of baled hair, jumped upon a jagged board, which tore a painful gash in the abdomen causing serious and very painful injuries. He was taken to the hospital at Guelph.

The Acton baseball team defeated the Guelph Maple Leafs by the one-sided score of 12-1 last Saturday. There was a large crowd of fans present to see the game and they all went home feeling the Acton club had put up a good show and were worthy of the win.

Acton netted six runs in the first inning and held the Guelph team off the score sheet until the last and final inning when the Guelphites managed to squeeze in their only run. Bill Nawn, the Acton pitcher, paced himself well and had the Guelph batters eating out of his hand as he sparkled the ball past them every time they came to bat. The Acton players were hitting the ball well and performed with equal ability in the field.

Mr. Peter Sayers of Guelph was in town on Tuesday and arranged to have his new home completed at once. His new home being built on Frederick Street tends to lend an excellent appearance to the situation already there.

In order to increase the capacity of their works, the Toronto Lime Company intends to build another draw kiln at the "Dolly" and to put in a system of conveyor machinery. Several new men have been hired at the works to cope with the additional orders and with the installation of the new type machinery, it is hoped by the management to keep ahead of the orders.

A Guelph man was fined last week when, after imbibing quite freely, he assaulted Professor Elmer Lee, fracturing a finger on his right hand. When he appeared before the magistrate, he was found guilty of bodily assault and fined $1.00 and costs. When the accused was leaving the court, he set upon the professor once again and was once more summoned before the justice. The following morning at 10 o'clock, a second fine was imposed upon the man.

Mr. Harold Wiles has purchased the confectionery and provision business of Miss Laura B. Ryder on Mill Street. Harold should do well with this popular business.

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Westbound
10.27 a.m.; 12.57 p.m.; 2.57 p.m.; 5.27 p.m.; 7.27 p.m.; 9.12 p.m.; 11.32 p.m.; 1.12 a.m. (Fri., Sat., Sun. and Hol.)

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Daily 5.40 a.m.; Daily except Sundays 8.12 a.m. (flagstop), 7.16 p.m.; Sunday only 8.01 p.m.; Daily except Sunday Flyer at Georgetown 9.21 a.m.; 8.27 p.m.; Daily Flyer at Georgetown 10.11 p.m.
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