

# Editorial Page

## A Travelogue on New York

Perhaps we may be pardoned this week if our editorial columns adopt the format of a travelogue. We've heard all the stories about a person's trip being a lot more interesting to themselves than to the hundreds upon whom it is inflicted but in this case you can have the choice of stopping or starting here.

The seventh International Graphic Arts Exposition, an event held only every 10 years, was scheduled for New York City last week. This was the reason then, why five of us from the plant decided it should be an event worth seeing. We knew it would be the world's largest display of printing machinery and in this we were not disappointed.

Leaving about 8 p.m. Thursday night we faced a night of driving but with five drivers taking turns about every hour or two this was not as tedious as might be imagined. Driving the New York State Thruway is steady and time saving. We had breakfast in New York within 12 hours of leaving and there was no attempt to make the trip a marathon record. Stops were frequent.

### DRIVING INTO NEW YORK

Driving into New York City is an experience in itself. Our arrangements to change drivers just outside New York went out the window when we found no place to stop with traffic zooming by on about six different sides. Our carefully plotted route over the George Washington Bridge went fine until we hit the inevitable detour. New York has one way streets and amazingly enough we weathered the detour and located our hotel.

Toll roads are extremely popular in New York State and so are the toll bridges but their facilities are quite time-saving and do provide much more pleasure driving.

We were relieved, in front of the hotel, when the doorman assured us he would look after parking the car. From our initial baptism of driving on New York streets we really didn't want to see the car again until we were ready to return home.

### BEDS LOOK GOOD

After better than 24 hours without much sleep the hotel beds were a welcome sight. But in New York people don't seem to need as much rest and soon we were on our way to the Coliseum, about seven or eight blocks from the hotel. Ours was definitely an economy trip so shoe leather was used extensively.

The Exposition itself was interesting and educational yet frightening. There will be, with the new developments, so little room for the small general printing firm. Specialization will be vital as some of the new processes and materials come into more general use. Complex forms were being printed in two colors serially numbered, and perforated four at a time at a speed of 28,000 an hour. The time used in preparing the press to complete this work was considerable but the speed was almost unbelievable. There are the developments where machines, instead of casting lines of type from molten metal, photograph the letters, making a negative, in preparation for the completion of a printing plate.

### A CHANGING INDUSTRY

A few years ago when we installed an electronic engraving machine we realized the field was a rapidly changing one but the changes have come quickly. Now similar machines are making four color engravings, varying the size from that of the original picture and doing several other significant operations.

It was interesting and educational to see the tremendous changes even since we attended the last Exposition in Chicago 10 years earlier. Keeping machinery and ideas current is no doubt one of the biggest problems in any industry today.

### SEEING NEW YORK

We had to see something of New York too, though. Friday evening we started wandering around Broadway and Times

Square like many other unconcerned rubber-necking tourists. We weren't embarrassed to stop and look for the top of the building or watch the fantastic neon signs flashing out their messages. We enjoyed trying to figure out whether it was real water that was flowing over the Pepsi-Cola sign or just a lighting effect. (We concluded it was real water).

Times Square is one of those interesting places where you can stand on the corner watching people go by and be completely entertained. It isn't entertainment through humor but through interest. On the surface everything seems happy and gay; there is a light-heartedness in the air. Street corner conversations are numerous and animated. Everyone seems to be going somewhere but a closer look finds many aimless wanderers like ourselves.

### SOMETHING TO COME

About nine o'clock police started arriving from all directions and gathering around a veiled statue in the central part of Times Square. There was a platform and promise of something to come. We stood waiting until 10 and then learned all the preparation was to unveil a statue of George M. Cohan - but at 11:30 We decided to catch some sleep and return.

George Jessel was master of ceremonies and there were other notables present including Oscar Hammerstein II. The ceremony was filled with speeches which were quite interesting. Thousands gathered on one of New York's main arteries as traffic was choked off and rerouted. From this point it was easy to learn the origin of the term "Great White Way". As far as the eye could see thousands of neon signs and lights flashed down very closely resembling the brightness of day.

This is the area that doesn't come alive until after supper. In the daytime the crowds were not heavy. It was more of a business bustle but after six, thousands of people appeared in everything from Bermuda shorts to evening dress clogging the streets as they laughed their way along.

### LIMITED TIME A PROBLEM

The problem of seeing the city revolved around the very limited time available. An eight hour tour was obviously out and the shorter ones would only review a large portion of what we had already seen. We decided to take our own tour.

That meant walking, so along Fifth Ave. to 42nd St. we went to the U.N. Time was valuable and the next tour of the United Nations headquarters was 60 minutes away. We took our own hurried look through the General Assembly committee room and the other facilities we could obtain access to, promising a return visit when more time was available. The grounds and the buildings themselves are dignified and impressive.

We descended to use the city's transportation system to get us to the next point at Battery Park where we boarded a ferry for Liberty Island and the very popular Statue of Liberty.

### VIEWING THE SKYLINE

The ferry trip gave us a wonderful view of the famous New York skyline where the multi-storied buildings reach skyward in almost endless disarray.

The statue itself is impressive in size. The elevator took us up 10 stories but again lack of time prevented us from climbing the next 12 storeys. The view is terrific but we raced to catch the boat back to the city.

After more time at the Exposition we took a quick look at Central Park, wandered again through the city's heart, travelled off the beaten track (less than a block off Broadway can be pretty grim walking after dark), gave our "Regards to Broadway" and prepared to return.

Coming home through the beautiful Pennsylvania Hills along the Susquehanna River was pleasant but rather slow. The New York Thruway was welcome as we neared home and the hour grew late.



Photo by Esther Taylor

## "Last Launching"

# Sugar and Spice....

BY BILL SMILEY

How about a spot of book reviewing this week, for a change? Anyone who doesn't read books, and there are plenty of them, might as well turn to the classified ads because this won't interest him.

Inordinate and uncontrollable reading is one of the several major flaws in my character. Print on paper is to me what fermented or distilled liquid in a container is to an alcoholic.

Like the alky, I prefer the good stuff if I can get it, but if there's none around, I'll take whatever is available. Sometimes when I've cooled through a reading binge, and there's nothing left in the house, and the booksellers are closed, I wind up gulping feverishly from such fare as the Ladies' Home Journal, a Superman comic, or one of the kids' Think and Do books.

I've even been reduced, at the end of such a lust weekend, to reading in French and English the literature on the breakfast cereal boxes.

I have no idea how many books I read in a year. There's no way of keeping track of them. I deliberately read four or five at a time, keeping them in different places in the house, in order to confuse my wife, who abhors my addiction. I read, crunched over the back of

the toilet, while I'm rubbing the lather into my face for a shave.

Frequently when I have finished writing this column, about 2 a.m., I'll sneak into the living room, pull a brand new paperback from under the piano, and guzzle it before going to bed. This produced sympathy the first couple of times I tottered down, red-eyed and careworn, to go to work in the morning. But she caught me at it one 4 a.m.

Anyway, I've swilled my way through a few interesting books lately and thought I'd mention them. Don't expect a scholarly review, with plot outline, tracing of symbolism, literary antecedents and all that jazz. I leave it for the pipe-smoking professors, and the earnest English students.

I've been nipping at one of the books between paragraphs of this effort. It's written by Harry Golden, of whom I have never heard, and is called Only In America. Golden is a Jew who lives in the deep South and puts out a newspaper in which there is nothing but editorials. His book is a collection of short pieces, witty, shrewd, witty, learned and very human. Highly recommended as a bedside companion, if you can't do better than a book.

I've just finished Lolita, the book which has had such an in-

flammatory effect on would-be censors, scarcely-cat publishers and timid head librarians. No, you can't borrow my copy. It is a brilliant, bawdy book, haunting and hilarious. Some of it is as funny as anything I've read, some as tragic. The motions won't understand it, and the teen-agers won't have the patience to sort it out, so I don't know whose morals it threatens.

Another is Dr. Zhivago, by Boris Pasternak. It won a Nobel prize, which Russia wouldn't let him collect, and I don't blame them. It's a devastating picture of Russia from 1900 to about 1960. A fine, poetic work, if you can stomach the interminable Russian surnames, given names and pet names.

And there is Watch That Ends the Night, by Montreal novelist Hugh MacLennan. This is a revolutionary approach to the modern novel in that it tells a story. Its language is apparently simple, but what it says is sensitive, wise and strong. One of Canada's best, MacLennan has a control and maturity few writers of fiction on this continent can boast. This book alone is ample proof that Canada produces more than hockey players, maple syrup and eye whiskey.

There you are: four books as different as could be. And if I've interrupted you just when the Micky Spillane hero was about to kick the lady in the groin, I hope you'll pardon the intrusion.

## THIS SUNDAY'S CHURCH CALENDAR

**UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA**  
Acton, Ontario  
Rev. Gordon Adams, M.A., R.D., Minister  
Mr. George Elliott, Organist and Choir Leader

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20th, 1959**  
9:00 a.m.—Morning Prayer  
10:00 a.m.—Sunday School  
11:15 a.m.—Morning Worship  
At both services, children 3 and under meet in the nursery. Junior Congregation (children 6-9) attend class in sermon period.

**THE CHURCH OF ST. ALBAN THE MARTYR ANGLICAN**  
Rector: The Rev. H. B. Stokroff, L. Th., S.T.B.  
125 Jeffrey St., phone 263  
The Seventeenth Sunday after Trinity

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20th, 1959**  
8:30 a.m.—Holy Eucharist  
9:30 a.m.—Holy Eucharist and Church School. This celebration marks the beginning of the 1959 Confirmation classes.  
11:00 a.m.—Choral Eucharist (Nursery in parish hall)  
Monday, 21 September, 1959 - 4:30 p.m.—Confirmation Class, 7:30 p.m.—Adult Confirmation Class.  
All Are Welcome!

**CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH**  
Rev. J. Nizma, B.A., D.D., Minister  
301 Queen St., Box 46, Phone 698  
**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20th, 1959**  
10:00 a.m.—English  
2:30 p.m.—Dutch  
"The Church of the Back to God Hour"

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

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20th, 1959**  
9:45 a.m.—Church School  
10:00 a.m.—Bible Class (15 - 25 years)  
11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship. Sermon theme: The Manifest Glory of the Church. Preschool children called for at Manse during service.

**ACTON PENTECOSTAL TABERNACLE**  
33 Churchill Road  
PAOC  
Rev. Kenneth J. Reid, Pastor  
75 Cook St., phone 649-W

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20th, 1959**  
10:00 a.m.—Sunday School  
11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship  
7:30 p.m.—Evang. Service  
Tuesday, 9 p.m.—Prayer and Bible study  
Thursday, 8 p.m.—Christ Ambassadors "Christ is Your Answer"  
A Friendly Welcome To All

**BAPTIST CHURCH ACTON**  
Pastor: Rev. Gordon M. Holmes, B.A. B.Th., 115 Bower Avenue  
**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20th, 1959**  
9:45 a.m.—Church School  
11:00 a.m.—Public Worship  
"If There Be No Sin"  
7:00 p.m.—N.S.F. 2nd rd. series on "Abbreviations that Suggest the Gospel." Others to follow: R.S.V.P. SOCS. DV. OHM  
Wednesday, 8 p.m.—Bible Study  
Witness and Prayer.  
All Are Welcome!

## THE GOOD OLD DAYS

### Back in 1909

Taken from the issue of the Free Press, Thursday, Sept. 23, 1909.

George Stavel, shoe merchant, is having an addition 12 x 18 built at the rear of his shop on Mill St. He will utilize the new part for a workshop and will add the old workshop to his store, giving it this much needed enlargement. Mr. Stavel's improvements from time to time are a good index to the prosperity which is coming his way.

St. Joseph's rectory has been repapered and decorated throughout and is now very attractive and comfortable. Father Walsh appreciates very much the transformation effected, largely through the kind-hearted generosity of a few interested parishioners.

Some of our streets and vacant lots are still illegally decorated with obnoxious weeds and other rank growth. Someone is neglecting a very manifest duty.

A somewhat painful accident befell Earle Garvin, clerk in Nixon's drug store, on Monday, when a particle of a chemical he was working with in a mortar flew into his eye. The eye was slightly burned but is likely to be alright within a few days.

Mr. W. Lawler, late of the United States Tanning Corporation of Pennsylvania, arrived in town this month to take a foremanship in Messrs. Beardmore Company's sole leather tannery. He will reside in Mr. P. Sayer's new house on Church Street when it is completed.

The street crossings still await the attention of the municipal officer. Some of the Church Street crossings are covered with three or four inches of fine dust which many pedestrians are obliged to wade through.

The office staff of the Canada Glove Works took an enjoyable holiday drive on Saturday afternoon, Stanley Park, Erin, was the rendezvous and a picnic was an attractive feature of the outing. Mr. A. C. Nuddler, chief accountant, was master of ceremonies.

The removal of the telephone poles on Mill Street to the new street line has very much improved the appearance of the street. It is up to the corporation now to move in the electric light poles.

Mr. James H. Reid, who sustained so serious a fall in the silo at Mr. Robert Johnstone's farm, is gradually recovering. His injuries were painful but no bones were broken and he is resting comfortably.

### Back in 1939

Taken from the issue of the Free Press, Thursday, Sept. 21, 1939.

The arena crowd at the first night of the Acton Fall Fair set a new record in attendance on Tuesday and when fair president J. J. Stewart took the microphone to welcome the crowd, every seat in the place was filled. Thrills and spills were plentiful in the potato races and high jumps. Russ Creighton and his artists were quite an innovation for the evening performance and drew a large applause from the crowd.

Acton is contributing its share to the fighting forces of the empire. Sixteen men from here are now in uniform in a little over a week since Canada's declaration of war. Twelve of these are ex-members of the Lorne Scots local platoon.

Fire threatened a car parked on Main Street last Thursday night when it is believed a cigarette butt tossed carelessly into the car set the upholstery ablaze. The whole interior was on fire for a short time until firemen quelled the blaze.

During the past few weeks, game warden Leslie Bray has been engaged in assisting in the distribution of young pheasants in various parts of the province. In Halton county 600 birds were turned loose in each of the four townships and they should be ready for the annual shoot next month.

The Duke of Devonshire and Lakeside Chapter of the L.O.D.E. teamed up on Saturday to meet the first call for wartime needs. They collected a considerable amount of children's clothing and blankets and funds to purchase these needed articles for the children who have been removed from their homes in England. The Lakeside Chapter also conducted booths at the Fair to supplement their funds and met with a hearty response from visitors at their efforts.

Mr. Bert W. Mansel, who bought the Free Press rather a peculiar garden freak which has been on view in our window. Runner beans were grown beside a trumpet vine in his garden. In some manner the growth got mixed and a full size bean pod grew and flourished on the same branch as flowers did on the vine.

The September meeting of Rockingham Women's Institute was held at the home of Mrs. W. Patterson with Mrs. W. McLeod presiding in the absence of the president. The ladies enjoyed several games and contests.

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