Diminishing Respect

Desecration in a cemetery is always shocking. That's why we're particularly shocked and disgusted that stones have been toppled in the Pioneer Cemetery.

Officials of the town's original cemetery had the forsesight back in 1933 to gather the stones into a central cairn to make maintenance of the area as easy as possible and to make the tribute to the fown's pioneers as attractive as possible.

Somewhere along the way we've apparently lost the respect that was evidenced in the establishment of the cairn.

Recently, viewing the pioneer cemetery we noticed a number of stones, of the large type, upset. There are not many stones that can be disturbed in the area but one was the stone paying tribute to those who worked in forming the cairn. .

As will be seen from the picture on the editorial page this week the scene is not a

So Sunday is Father's Day. He gets elevated to top spot on the totem pole. But in some parts of the world he will still be low man. .

On Palau Island in the South Seas, for instance, the ruling matriarchs can have any male executed if he disturbs their contemplation. And near Sumatra, only daughters inherit property.

In certain areas of India Dad is in even worse shape. If he goes into debt Mom can sell him to pay off the creditors. In the African Sudan, Mom may return to her parents after bearing five children, leaving Papa to look after the kiddies.

Things have changed it seems. In Biblical itimes it was considered a trime punishable by death for a child to disagree with his father. Throughout Northern Europe a father

pretty one and certainly not one which will reflect the pride in the community that should be indicated.

Grounds in the Pioneer Cemetery have ... been beautiful in recent years through the care and interest of W.G.O. Oakes and William Graham. Their interest in the site is encouraging but seeing stones toppled by vandals is far from encouraging.

To many residents the Pioneer Cemetery is probably unknown. It was in use, however, from 1830 to 1885. Located as it was close to the Knox Church it was the last resting place of Rev. Zenas Adams, one of the founders of the town. Many other pioneers are buried there and the area is deserving of respect.

Surely something in the way of added police patrolling will be undertaken to avoid recurrences of the vandalism, when the present toppled stones are replaced.

tell disgraced it a son in his teens appeared publicly in his presence and Greek fathers even selected the wives for their sons with no back talk allowed.

Actually Father's Day is just a little over 50 years old. In 1910, a year after the death of her father William Smart, a Civil War Veteran, Mrs. John Bruce Dodd of Spokane, Washington, petitioned the Spokane Ministerial Alliance to set aside the third Sunday of June each year for the honoring of fathers everywhere.

The petition was accepted and with the memorial service that year, Father's Day was inaugurated. The observance quickly swept the U.S. and then 'Canada and is now also followed in many areas of Latin agel South America, Haiti, Honduras, Sweden and even

Pro-Canadianism

In a few short weeks our annual trek of summer visitors will begin, and as is usually the case, the majority will be from the United States. Most of these welcome summer residents have been coming back year after year; and in renewing old friendships with Canadians it is inevitable that a discussion of political and economic affairs as affecting our two countries is bound to come up.

Since our visitors were here last summer, much has occurred. They have acquired a brand new President, the cold war has grown warmer in the Far East, Castro has enlarged on his "bug America" campaign and the race for space is reaching the really big stage. Closer to home, there has been a continuing growth of a Canadian "nationalistic" spirit. Canadians are asserting a more pronounced pro-Canadianism in the past year, and unfortunately our American friends interpret this trend as a piece of anti-Ameri-

It would be easy for us to dismiss such concern on the part of our U.S. friends as the mere reflection of excessive sensitivity. But since much of it emanates from sources normally sympathetic to the Canadian viewpoints, it ought not to be so lightly dismissed.

Canadians are a free people and as such like to formulate their own policies and pattern their own economy. However, we are so

Placing the

Recently we have become concerned at the climbing price on public service. Unpopular as the increases to municipal councils and boards usually are, most fear to object unless they also are asked to do the job.

Whether it is lack of pride in community or an indication of this age's continual pursuit of the "almighty dollar", it is difficult to decide.

- Recently Georgetown council increased their mayor's annual fee to \$2,500 and the payment to council members to \$20 a meeting, not including committee meetings. Earlier this year members of county council set their. fee at \$20 for each committee and monthly meeting. There the warden receives, \$1,000 plus his meeting and committee fees.

In Burlington the mayor receives \$4,000 and council members \$15 for committee and council meetings. Trafalgar pays its reeve \$600 plus meeting fees. The council receives

close to both the United States and Great Britain that any Canadian action which doesn't find favour with one country or the char is apt to cause raised eyebrows in Washington or London. Two such actions within a short space of time invariably are taken to mean that we are in "anti-American" or "anti-Britain" mood, as the case may be. And once in a while, we even manage_to_get accused of being both!

The eminent actor Sir Cedric Hardwicke in commenting on this said: "The real luxury in being Ganadian is that you can be anti-British and anti-American at one and the same time." We assume Sir Cedric was endeavoring to be witty and entertaining, but the truth , remains that it is harder for Canada to take even the occasional independent line than it is for most countries.

However, pro-Canadianism does not and should not mean anti-Americanism and, so far as possible, we should exercise the greatest care to see that it is not so construed. We should understand this and we should explain it to our American friends. The part of a servile satellite may be satisfactory for Russia's sycophants, but we believe that our long friendship with our friends south of the border entitles us to the respect of a friend.

Espanola Times

Price Tag

\$12 for its meetings.

The Oakville mayor receives \$3,500 and the council \$1,000 annually. Milton pays its mayor \$750 and councillors receives \$6 for each council meeting. Acton's mayor receives \$800, with its councillors get. ing \$400.

There is a wide variance evident in the fees paid. Similarly there is a wide variance in the work involved in the various munici-

Most fees start in an effort to ease the expenses that are naturally incurred in public service. They have a tendancy to climb in some municipalities and after the initial shock to the citizens the noise dies down and

the incident is forgotten. Payment of fees is quite legal to councils. The disturbing thing is whether the price tag on public service is replacing the community pride that was the original motivation for seeking public office.

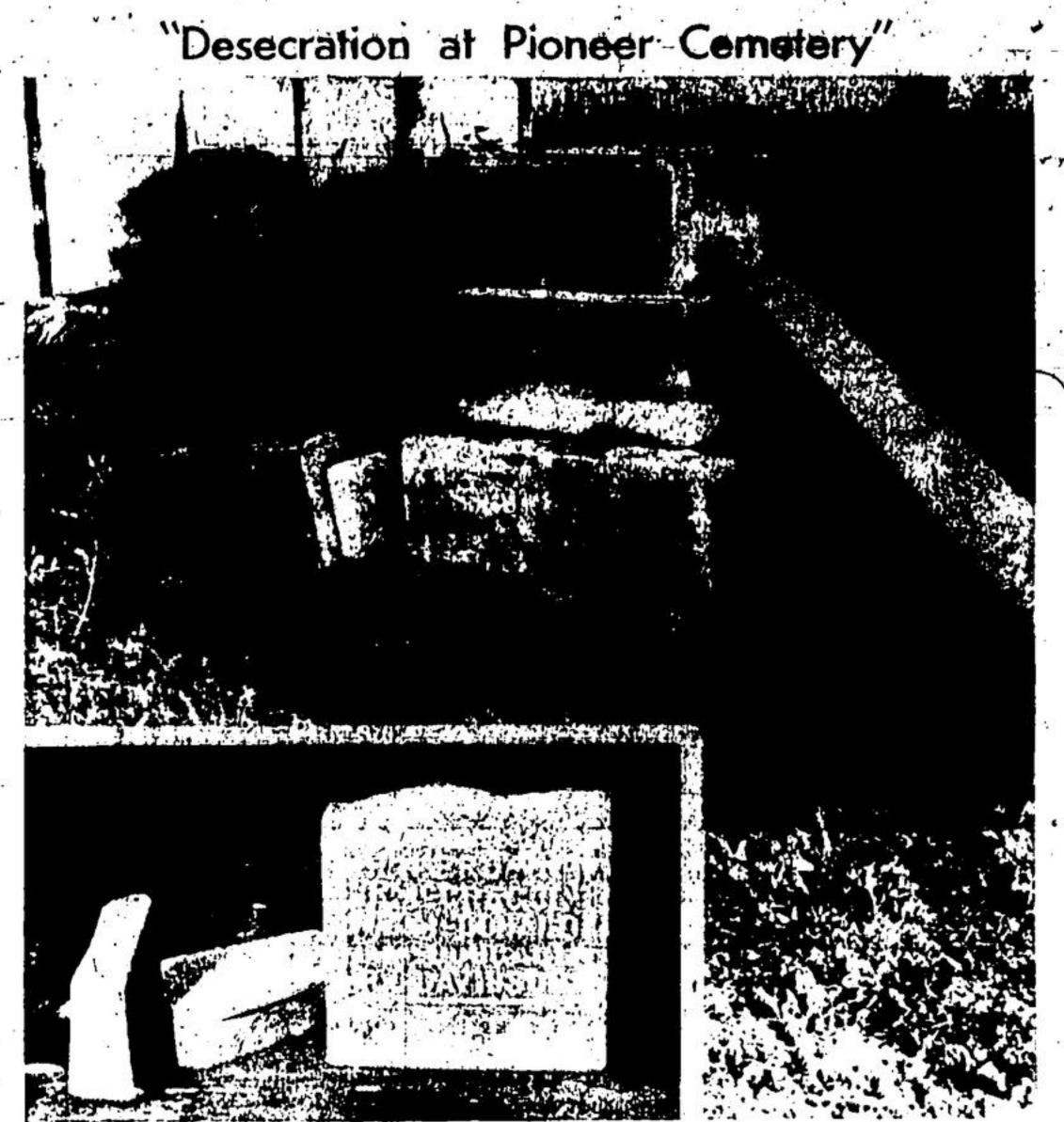
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Mother's Day in this country

is announced with a blare of

trumpets, a roll of drums, and a

wild jaugling of cash registers.

Commercially, it is creeping up

on Christmas. Emotionally, it

has long since passed the 12th

of July, father's Day, in com-

Sugar and Spice ...

Canada, the natural order of things is reversed. Oh, you don't have to believe me. Ask the statistics boys. They'll tell you who controls and spends most of the money on this continent. Ask the manufacturers. They'll tell you which sex their ads are slanted towards. They'll tell you why everything that's made nowadays, from cookies to ears, has to come in a fancy package or a weird color.

parison, is a sad little echo of this sentimental orgy. Why has this situation developed in North America? Can we blane our women for it? Are Even the advertising reflects they more pushy than the fethe difference. Merchants and males of other continents? manufacturers overcome their customary delicacy as don't think so. In fact, I think ther's Day approaches. They they are the ones who were don't suggest that she might pushed — into a role they never like a little token. They belwhole thing is a product of piolow at us, in no uncertain neer days in this continent. The terms, our duty towards Mom. "Get out, you lazy, ungrateful, North American woman-had to selfish bum," they holler, be a good deal more sturdy, in-"and buy that sweet little old dependent and capable than her sister of other lands, if she was mother of yours something worthwhile." Strong men to cope with the trials and dancringe under the assault and gers besetting the early settlers. go into debt for months, buying presents for women who She had to work like an ox.

but their wives. her head. She had to be nurse, teacher and companion to her children, because father was The days when Mom received a box of chocolates or a pair of too busy clearing the back nylons on Mother's Day went forty to speak to them during out with the 10 cent hot dog. the day, and too tired to do Nowadays, men are warned, in anything but fall into bed at black-and-white or full color, night. After a few generations that sweet old Mom will settle of this, it was natural for the for anything from an automatic children to look upon the modishwasher to the Taj Mahal,

suitably gift wrapped. What a difference in the advertising prior to Father's Day! It is slightly embarrassed, doleful, teeble. It consists of such rousing slogans as "Don't forget Dad on Father's Day". The implication is that you probable will but that if you do, don't worry too much about it. Oh, the men's clothing merchants put a brave face on it and beat the druin a bit, but even they haven't the herve to suggest anything more extra-Various for dad than a sport shirt of a new hat.

are not even their mothers,

The car dealer who will tout, with a straight face, a "second car for the Lumby, just before Mother's Day, suggests that dad would be just crazy about a new fire from or a tack. The "sphance" dealer who " will cooly tive to sell, you a washer odiver combination as a gift for mon, will be printered a \$1.48 thatthefet for Father's Day, Is there anything agenticant in this contrast? Oh, vol. indeedy. There is little doubt that it reflects accuratelythe prestige enjoyed, respective-7s, by mother and tather, in Canada today. Mom is a goddess, to be placated by appropriate gitts. Dadrison dog, a harmless one, to be thrown a bone.

This unnatural state of at tairs seems to be peculiar to North America: "In Europe, Asia and Africa, woman is still playing a supporting role only. Even in Moslem countries, where a man may have up to four wives, there is no doubt about who is head of, the house. But in the States and

ther as the fountainhead of wisdom, sympathy and human warmth. During the same generations, the father faded into a figure who appeared only at meal-times and whose chief conversational item became, "We can't afford it."

The entire process was speed-

ed up by two world wars. While our men were off in Europe, lighting and revelling in a society in which the male was supreme, our women had to take on more and more responsibility. Whole generations of children got the idea that Mom was head of the family, simply because Dad was not there. There was no stopping the snowball. After the first world war, our women started smoking. After wanted, poor kids. I think the the second, they began going They have infiltrated the golf course, the curling rink; the

House of Commons and the stock market. They have learned to swear, wear trousers and make 'speeches. And the end is nowhere in sight. I'm not complaining. It was inev-She had to improvise, to use itable — an accident of history. All I'm doing is trying to explain to you fellows why, despite the fact that your wife. got a new wrist watch on Mother's Day, you are going to wind up, on Father's Day, with the usual \$1.50 tie, for the purchase of which the kids will tap you for \$2.00 and keep the change.

G.A.D. About

Grandmother s

Down through the years, men have extolled grandmother's cooking and culinary products and held them as examples, that the poor housewives should strive to excel but I wonder it any of you ever recall grandmother's garden. Around the edges of grandmother's potato patch, there were the gooseberry bushes the red and black current bushes that used to make the jam and jellies,

All around the front part 'of the house and string along the pathways were flower gardens. There was a clump of it is here, only we called it flags athen." honeystickle bush there or trumper vine or clematis vine aden with purple bloom. There bere some clumps of pinks and pethaps a ten stalks of sweet William and there was mignonette and pansies and nasturtmins with their bright little

flowers seemingly everywhere. There was the odd rose bush promiseuously placed, some of them sort of wild but blooming profusely. Then there were the morning glories with perhaps the sunflowers here and there for them to climb, and, entwine

with their variegated bloom. Of course, there was a row of sweet peas along one of the pathways to provide a "sweet bouquet for one of the rooms in the home or bring cheer and brightness to some neighbor's sick room. There were many

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flowers in grandmother's garden which I cannot now recall but all of them were wonderful to me. Many of them are not so popular today or are known by names other than I may have used but they are what I remember down over the years. How well do you remember that bower of beauty over which your grandmother presided so graciously!

Well, I see that the objective tor the Community Centre, has been reached and I am sure all who participated will be happy at the outcome. Just who all should be congratulated would be very difficult to enumerate since so many were involved in w mans was over such a wide

Now all eyes will be centered on progress and actual construction of the new structure which will actually cost over four times as much as the original investment in the arena more than 30 years ago, My attention will be directed parkwise for the months just ahead. Guess that is all for this week.

WRONG PLACE

They were talking over the candidate's election speech. One said: "Do you think he put enough fire into his speech?" "Sure," said the other. "The trouble was he didn't put enough of his speech into the fire."

BACK IN 1941 :

Press, Thursday, June 19, 1981.

During the council meeting Tuesday evening, members endorsed a resolution to supply cement and sand to the .firemen to lay a cement floor in the fire hall. The work is to be done under the supervision of the municipal officer and the chairman of the fire committee. Following receipt of a petition from residents on Cameron St., council agreed to co-operate with residents and install a fence along the odge of Fairy Lake in order to keep small children from wandering to the edge of the wa-

Sgt. Pilot Fred Turner has notified his parents of his safe arrival oversens. He was honored by meeting Her Majesty, Queen Elizabeth and shaking hands. Mr. Gordon Currie had the

misfortune to fracture a bone in his ankle while playing ball with the Storey Glove team, at the seventh line, Monday evening. Dr. F. G. Oakes has purchased the brick home on Knox Ave. formerly owned by Miss Hannah Wallace. He expects to occupy the new place shortly.

The Lakeside Chapter I.O.D.E. held their annual picnic in the park Inst Wednesday and honored two members and teachers, Miss Hazel Bell and Miss Mary Jackson, Miss Jackson, brideelects expressed her appreciation for the lovely gifts and said she hoped her absence from Acton would be of short duration.

Mr. Russell Gregory of Oakville, proprietor of the Gregory Theatre, Acton, has purchased, with his son Leslie, the Capitol theatre in Brampton. The deal, which took effect June 2, added a seventh to the theatre chain now operated by the Gregory family. Mr. Gregory operates the theatres in Oakville, Acton and Georgetown, while his son operates the Windsor, Royal and York in Hamilton.

Last Thursday night or early Friday morning, thieves chose Whitham's Garage on Young St. for their source of supplies. They took eight of the higher priced tires and made their getaway with this loot. This leaves only two of the garages or service stations in Acton which have not been entered or attempts made in the past few weeks.

Taken from the leans of the Prec Press, Thursday, June 15, 1911.

An interesting match was played Saturday in the park between Quelph and Acton football teams with Guelph going home the victors with a 2-0 score. The game displayed, some brillisms combinations and both teams were in excellent form. Unfortunately, the Guelph team were able to take advantage of two penalty shots, giving them the slight edge over the local team.

Complaints have . again been registered that a number of our citizons are bothing in Fairy Lake without bathing suits. This action will not be tolerated and is a disjusting offence. Action has been laid before the magistrate and any further offences of this nature will be punish-

Mr. James Warren, D.L.S. o Walkerton, completed the survey of the new John M. Warren subdivision yesterday and the mup will be prepared in a few days. Some 60 fine building lots will then be available, all of which are within the corporation limits. The Mill St. extension to the third line will be opened as soon as the hav crop is taken

A crew of workmen are busy this week making alterations to the dam at Fairy Lake and when completed, the renovations will include strengthening the dam and repairing leaks which have caused damage to the roadway and raising the bridge about three or four feet.

On Saturday afternoon Charlie Caswell, a little English lad of about half a dozen years, found a purse containing \$9. There was no identification within but it was turned in at the Free Press by the youngster. Later that evening, it was found to belong to Mr. E. S. Rice and the young man was duly rewarded for his honesty. It goes to prove the oldtime couplet "Finders keepers; losers weepers" certainly does not represent the sentiment of this community.

The Board of Education Monday evening received with regret the resignations of teachers Miss Daisy Nicklin and Miss Eng Pearson. It was agreed to advertise for replacements at annual salaries of \$400 a year.

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