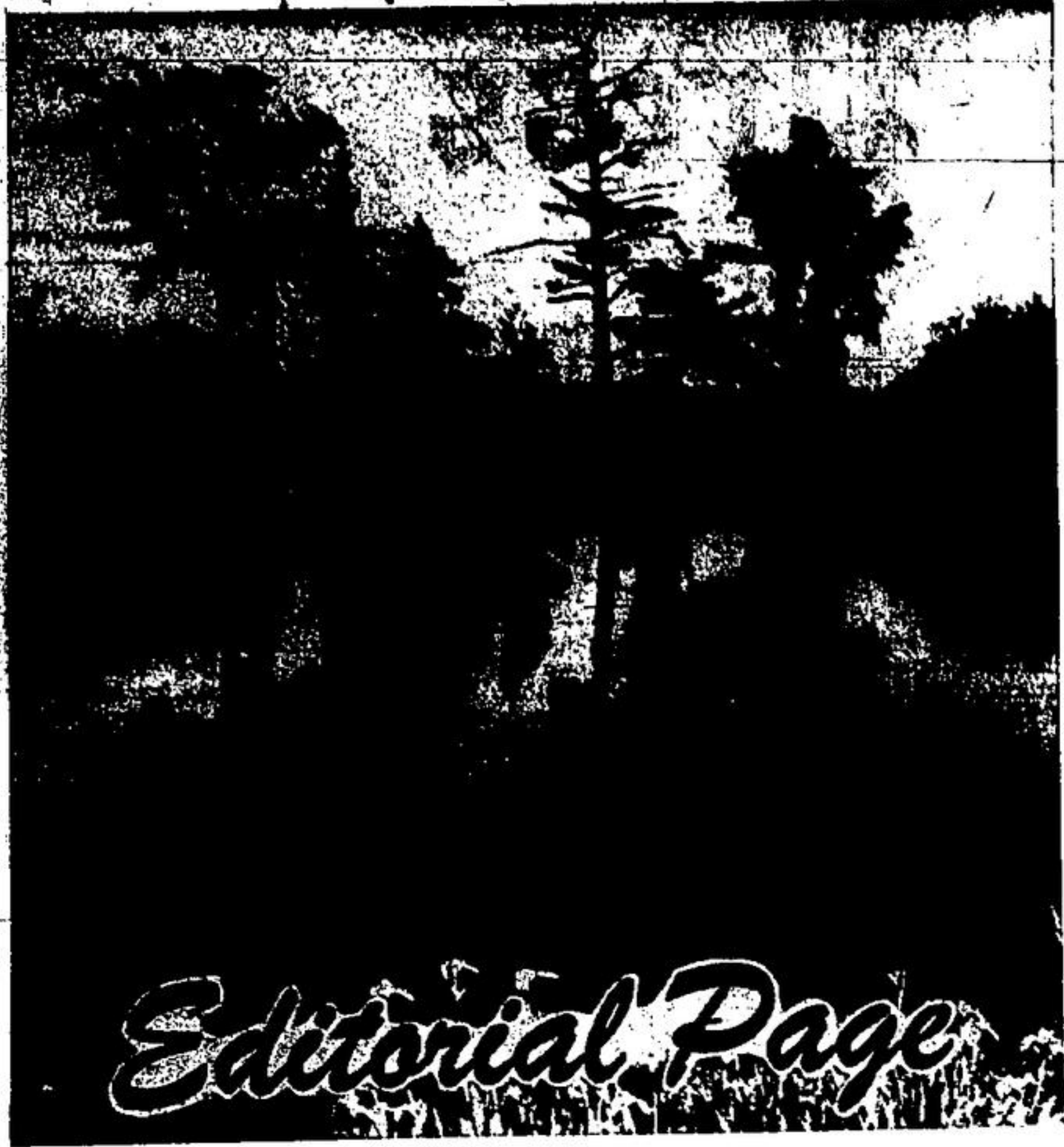


"Fairy Lake"



Editorial Page

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Depreciated Dollar . . .

There was a great deal of nonsense spoken in the recent election campaign on the subject of Canada's dollar. In particular, many speakers urged that a cheaper dollar abroad should make no difference to the value of the dollar at home. Price increases, they charged, would be solely the fault of profit-grasping businessmen.

A 92.5 cent dollar can help export sales. The Canadian goods for which the foreign buyer used to pay \$1.00 are now offered at 92.5 cents. But we must pay for imports with the same dollar, and pay an extra 7.5 cents for the foreign goods we used to get for \$1.00. Whether he is bringing in materials, machinery or manufactured goods, the Canadian businessman who has to pay more will have to charge more. It is not a matter of higher-profits, but of higher costs.

In world markets, any country's currency

is worth just what other people will pay for it. If there are many buyers, the price goes up; if there are few buyers, the price goes down. In the immediate post-war years there were so many outsiders, particularly Americans, eager to invest here that they bid up the world price of our dollar. But we did not manage our prosperity too well. Production costs were forced up faster than the output of wealth. Government expenditure pyramided, with much of the spending going to welfare programs that cost more each year even when revenues lag. In time, a lack of outside confidence in Canada was reflected in the world money markets.

Pegging the dollar at its present level will be no simple banker's trick. If it is not to depreciate further, with resulting higher living costs, we will have to convince the world that ours is a competitive, not a high-cost economy.

It Went That Way . . .

At one time or another most families put their hand to keeping a budget, as much to try to find out where the money goes as to try to keep it from going. For those, and they must be legion, who have given up on the bookkeeping as a hopeless if not an un-rewarding task, there may be some value in knowing what the average family does with its money. The information comes from a survey of 1,672 families residing in 60 cities across Canada. It has just been released by the Dominion Bureau of Statistics although it is based on information collected during the year 1959.

The average size of these families was 3.7 persons. One-quarter of them had a working wife. Their spending, on everything from personal taxes and insurance to liquor and rent, averaged out to \$107 per week — or \$5,570 for the year. Food and shelter took more than a third of their money; food came to \$1,323 for the year, while housing (including fuel, light and water) cost \$911. Surprisingly, the family

Speaking of Safety . . .

Traffic fines in Vatican City average 40 cents a violation and the automobile speed limit is an unobserved 18.6 m.p.h., says the Ontario Safety League. Plans are being considered to double the fine, and raise the speed limit to a realistic level.

Five states in the U.S. now have laws requiring installation of front seat belts in new cars. The States, and the model car year for which the laws become effective are: Wisconsin - 1962; Virginia - 1963; Mississippi - 1963; Rhode Island - 1964; New York - 1965.

"Keep your eyes on the road" is a piece of good advice to drivers. However, the Ontario Safety League points out that the road stretches behind your car, as well as in front. Good driving requires that you check your rear-view mirror repeatedly every few seconds — to keep aware of the movements of following traffic.

On super highways, seven out of 10 accidents involve only one car. Each driver on an expressway has more to fear from himself, than from all other drivers combined.

THE GOOD OLD DAYS

Back in 1912

Taken from the issue of the Free Press, Thursday, July 4, 1912.

The farm home of George Nelles was destroyed by fire on Dominion Day when five of unknown origin started the blaze. Mr. Nelles, who had just returned from Norval, was seated at the dinner table having lunch when a neighbor ran in to tell him the house was on fire. When he reached outside, he noticed the barn was catching fire and along with several neighbors who gathered, hastened to put out the flames. The house was beyond saving but several of the neighbors were able to save some of the furniture, even though it was damaged slightly by fire.

On the last play of the final inning of the ball game Saturday in Acton, Eddie Wadell of the Acton team sustained a bad fracture to his right leg. He was playing third base and caught the ball thrown by the pitcher, his brother Les, to put out the runner who slid to the base. In the slide, both the runner and Wadell were injured. It was found later that two bones in his right ankle were broken and internal injuries are feared.

On Wednesday, the Baptists and the Anglicans met in the church league and at the beginning of the game, it appeared as though the Anglicans were to be the victors. However, since the Baptists got rolling, they scored six runs in a hurry, to win the game. H. Holmes certainly was the hero for the winners as he cracked out several long hits to tally runs. George Hynds, the pitcher, was slow in getting his arm in condition, but when he did, the Anglicans had trouble getting any hits.

On Saturday about nine o'clock, a young man from Toronto was replenishing the magazine of his automobile with gasoline as it stood on John St. With culpable foolishness, he neglected to extinguish the rear lights adjacent to the tank. In the twilight, he overfilled the magazine and the rear lights lamps ignited the inflammable liquid. A boy was sent to raise the alarm but fortunately, before the fire brigade arrived, a few pails of water had extinguished the blaze. The damage will cost at least \$100.

The Dominion Day celebration under the auspices of the fire brigade was a big success and the baseball games and athletic contests were well attended. Several outsiders were in attendance and took part in the activities, as well as the local men.

Back in 1942

Taken from the issue of the Free Press, Thursday, July 9, 1942.

Miss Patricia Baker of Dunhollow Mills has been engaged to fill the vacancy on the staff at the Continuation School caused by the resignation of Miss Frances Harper.

Rev. C. L. Poole, a former beloved minister of Acton United Church, retired last week from the charge at Ridgeway and from active service in the ministry of the church. He has served continuously for 40 years, seven of which were in Acton church.

A group of Acton Cubs, under the leadership of Rev. E. A. Brooks, spent the weekend camping at the Acton Troop hut at Blue Springs. Everyone reported the weather as fine and all enjoyed the outing.

Chief Harrop is preferring several charges against a Guelph woman who was summoned to police court this week and failed to appear on a charge of drunkenness. The chief also intends to prefer charges against the others who took the woman home and promised she would appear in court to answer to the charge.

Saturday morning, cars driven by Bowman Nunn and William McDonald collided at the corner of Mill and John Streets, but neither of the drivers was injured. Mr. Nunn apparently was making the turn onto John St. and failed to see the McDonald car and his vehicle struck the right left fender, causing extensive damage.

War-time restrictions have affected almost everything, but in spite of them, the United Church held their picnic at the park. Those who like sugar in their tea, drank it without and iced cakes were a thing of the past. Much-liked salmon sandwiches were missed from the supper, but in any event, everyone enjoyed themselves, both with the races and sports events, and the picnic supper.

Following the episode last week when dogs killed several sheep in Erin Township, Erin Township Council passed a by-law this week imposing severe fines on owners allowing dogs to run at large at night.

Nearly all the stores in town are now selling War Savings Stamps and patrons making purchases can obtain them quite readily.

The Lorne Scots Co. held a church parade on Sunday from the armories to St. Alban's Church. They were led by the Lorne Scots band. Rev. E. A. Brooks conducted the service.

NEWS FROM AROUND THE DISTRICT

GEORGETOWN—Perhaps the fact the taxpayer was an Irishman prompted him to ask council for permission to paint the fire hydrant in front of his house green. But the request found no support, even from councillor Bob McNeilly, who also hails from the land of the shamrock.

BRAMPTON—The 29-year-old test pilot was killed last week at Brampton Flying Club when his bush plane crashed into the pond. It was the club's first accident in 14 years of operation. The test plane, built in Malton, had been on flying that morning but on the afternoon trip it spluttered, then crashed into the runway near a school.

BURLINGTON—Aldershot residents are vigorously objecting to a Kiwanis skating rink in the neighborhood of their \$20,000 homes. "To the citizens of a residential area was transposed into an area of a carnival nature," said a spokesman who complained to council of bright lights, recorded rock and roll, public address system and four hours of hockey a night.

OAKVILLE—The \$600 fee the planning board charges for subdivisions should also be charged a person wanting to separate a lot, councillors agreed in a 6-4 vote last week. Council ruled Alf Jennings, a former Bronte village reeve, must pay \$600 for the privilege of dividing his property.

STREETSVILLE—Certain service stations are "displaying a flagrant disregard of our laws" according to a Lakeview hardware merchant, who accused a majority of 31 stations of defying Toronto Township's zoning by-laws. He bases his charge on the fact the stations have entered the hardware field, selling lawn chairs, picnic jugs and fishing rods. "They'll be selling butter and eggs next" he said.

MILTON—An Oakville-Milton amalgamation, proposed by a member of Oakville council last week, wasn't readily welcomed by Miltonians. Reeve Carl Martin suggested instead that the whole of Halton County should be merged into one municipality.

OBITUARY

Keen Sportsman, Mike Bennett Dies During Fishing Weekend

The sudden death of Michael Joseph Bennett while on a fishing trip on Saturday was a shock to his family and many friends in the community. Purchasing agent at Beardmore and Co., he was particularly well known in sports circles. He liked fishing and hunting and was on the Tiger Cats bowling team. He was keenly interested in baseball, hockey and football.

Mr. Bennett was a member of the Holy Name Society of St. Joseph's Church, a past president of the Y Men's Club, a past member of Acton Legion and held various executive offices in Minor Sports. He was widely known for the help he gave problem drinkers through Alcoholics Anonymous.

On Fishing Trip
He died at Pictou at 51 years of age, on a weekend fishing trip with friends.

He is survived by his wife, Kathleen Good, 155 Poplar Ave., Acton.

Acton, their five children at home, Michael Jr., Lorrie, Paul, Anne and Charles; his mother, Mrs. Annie Bennett, Guelph; sisters Margaret, Madeline, Irene, Toronto; Kathleen (Mrs. Stan Hawker) Guelph; Alice (Mrs. Ken Leadley) Halifax, N.S.; Mary (Mrs. John Retter) Guelph; brothers John P. Bennett, R.R. 2, Guelph and George Bennett, Guelph.

He was born in Guelph in 1911, son of the late George Bennett and Mrs. Bennett, and had lived in Acton for the past 25 years. He was married in 1941 in Guelph.

Many at Funeral
Many attended the funeral at St. Joseph's Church on Tuesday morning, July 3, when the Rev. V. J. Morgan officiated. Interment was in Marymount cemetery. Guelph. Pallbearers were Tom Dawkins, Trueman Spence, Roy Goodwin, Bill Duval, Archie Papillon and Ezio Marzo, all of Acton.

Sugar and Spice . . .

BY BILL SMILEY

It may seem a very poor attitude, when the financial experts are crying blue ruin, the newspapers are demanding action, the Prime Minister is running to the hockshop, and everybody is being warned to tighten his belt, but I'm just about to commence two months' holidays.

There will be a short pause here while all my old colleagues in the weekly newspaper business vent their feelings. I can hear the cries, just as well as though they were in the room, of "Good old Bill, he deserves it!" and "Congratulations, old boy, I hope you enjoy every minute of it!" and a few other things. Never mind, chaps, I know how you feel, and I appreciate it.

But I can't help it. Just because I decided my true vacation came up with a creative, adventurous approach to the whole troublesome problem. The first thing I realized was that I'd have to keep busy every moment. With this in mind, I drew up the following schedule:

Leap smartly out of bed no later than 10, every morning, unless I'm tired. Straight out into the garden, in bare feet and shorts, to read the mail while I drink my orange juice. Half an hour of meditation, watching the black squirrels eating wife's radishes.

Walk (no driving) downtown, purchase morning paper and peruse same over coffee in restaurant with prettiest waitress.

Perhaps my real trouble is that I'm not used to holidays. As any weekly editor can tell you, they're almost non-existent in that game. In fact, I haven't had a decent holiday in the last 15 years. I'm like a man who has never been farther than the next town, and who is suddenly offered a plane ticket to any place in the world he wants to go. He's bewildered. He's scared. He doesn't know what to do with it.

Bass for Breakfast For Young People's

There was fresh-caught bass for breakfast two mornings when Presbyterian Young People's spent the holiday weekend together at the cottage of Mr. and Mrs. Dave Cleland, near Bancroft. Altogether the group caught about 50 bass.

Swimming and boating were favorite sports. The girls cooked; the boys washed up, and everyone had a "terrific time". There was a shore supper Saturday night and the group went to church in Coe Hill Sunday.

They slept in two cottages and a tent. The Cleland parents and brothers all have cottages together.

With Mr. and Mrs. Cleland, Mr. and Mrs. Danny Koziuk, Janet Joyce and Donna Bennick, Janet Aitken, Joanne McKenzie, Nettie Trexenaar, Mike Rogers, Milton Ball, Barry Cleland, Brian Sheridan, and Sims McPhedran, all of Acton, Ian Penneycock and Charles Tully of Guelph.

Children Smoking Blamed for Fire

Children smoking are believed to have caused a fire in the bush west of the C.N.R. track off Longfield Road after supper Saturday. The fire track had a rolling route across lots and down a steep hill to travel to reach the side of the tracks and another way back up the hillside had to be located after the fire was doused. Pressure hose was laid underneath the track to reach the fire smouldering in a thick layer of fallen pine needles.

School Year Book Full of Pictures

The 50-page high school Year Book is being distributed this week. Full of pictures, it mentions the names of all the students. Grad 13 students have individual portraits while class photos were taken in all the other grades. All the staff were photographed, too, with their "pet peevs" revealed.

Terry Hamilton headed the year book committee and Mrs. Jess Galloway was staff adviser. There are accounts of highlights of the year.

These are the books that will cause such hilarity about 20 years from now as H.S. students read their supposed favorite sayings and their ambitions.

Pinch-Hitting

Constable Morley Leaking of the Burlington headquarters Detachment O.P.P. is pinch-hitting with the local detachment while constable Mervin Harness enjoys his holidays.

Because I know it's going to be a traumatic experience, I've had to do a lot of careful planning. Otherwise, I just know I'd crack up under the pressure of all that free time. At first, I planned big: write a novel, take a trip to the West Coast or the East Coast, canoe through Algonquin Park.

But it wasn't long until I realized that sort of thinking was pure escapism, trying, as it were, to deal with the gigantic, menacing vacation with one blow. No, I had to face up to it. There was no easy way out. I knew I would have to suffer through every one of those 60-odd days, as they advanced on me in Indian file.

It's taken me about a week of hard work, but I think I've come up with a creative, adventurous approach to the whole troublesome problem. The first thing I realized was that I'd have to keep busy every moment. With this in mind, I drew up the following schedule:

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