

"Hollyhock Time"



Editorial Page

—Photo by Esther Taylor

The Place on the Flagpole . .

One of the things that disgusts us most in travelling almost anywhere in Ontario is the number of tourist establishments that fly the American flag.

Usually of course the flag is accompanied by the Union Jack or the Canadian Ensign but the effective purpose of the American flag can only be in the crass commercial interest. Certainly United States and Canada are friendly countries, certainly Americans feel pride at the sight of their flag but surely as Canadians we are crawling to an unnecessary depth in the interests of patronage when we fly an American flag to attract the tourists' attention.

Now it's quite possible that those who fly the American flag will defend their action by suggesting the flag of Canada doesn't exist. Unfortunately this is a widely held misconception. Canada does have a flag.

The flag may not suit everyone but we are not a country without a flag.

An Order of Council dated September 5, 1945 says that on any occasion when it is desired to mark a Canadian significance it is appropriate to fly the Canadian red ensign. This is the flag that was flown from the Peace Tower of the Parliament Buildings in Ottawa on V-E Day 1945.

In 1946 a Select Committee of the Parliament of Canada examined over 1,500 designs for a flag and no formal action has ever been taken. Thus the Canadian red ensign is the country's flag.

The flag of Canada deserves to fly from any flag pole in the country and those who usurp its place with American flags, except on ceremonial occasions, are stooping to a new low in commercialism. Our American friends set a far better example. They fly their own flag.

Sleuth Cars vs. Death Dealers . . .

In the first five months of this year, 520 people were killed on Ontario highways. This is a horrifying rate of slaughter—three deaths a day, 1,000 a year.

And the carnage is continuing, despite increased patrolling, police crackdowns and intensive safety campaigns. Traffic deaths between January and June this year were only three fewer than in the same months last year. Ontario road crashes involving both injury and death went from 35,602 in 1960 to 38,414 last year.

What more can be done than is now being tried to end this slaughter?

One suggestion, offered by the Ontario Police Commission, is that unmarked police cars be used to patrol provincial highways.

The proposal will undoubtedly stir up strong protests. The practice, admittedly, isn't a very savory one. But neither is there anything wholesome about the way some of our citizens behave on the highways.

Police in unmarked cars are not victimizing the innocent, all who are caught are lawbreakers and some of them are public menaces.

If the OPP are permitted unmarked cruisers to pounce on speeders and reckless drivers, the commission must ensure that the purpose is fully understood by the officers. To reduce accidents, not to fatten traffic fine revenues. Commission Chairman Judge Bruce J. S. Macdonald, gives assurances that the only motive will be highway safety. "It is a question of whether to play a sporting game with the public or take steps to get results," he stated.

The commission must also justify unmarked patrol cars to the public as a method of lessening highway crashes. There is evidence that it does. Metro Toronto police force has used plain cruisers for some years now and Police Commissioner Chairman C. O. Bick credits them with reducing the number of Metro traffic deaths.

The presence of conspicuously marked police cars and out-in-the-open radar traps on our highways does have a salutary effect on most drivers. But the trouble is there cannot be enough police on display everywhere at all times to keep every driver in line. An inveterate speeder may behave well for 10 blocks within sight of a black-and-white squad car and be a dangerous demon in the 11th block.

He's the kind of highway cowboy who must be nabbed before he commits mayhem, even if a "camouflaged" car is necessary to do it.

Speaking of Safety

Try this self-check to see if you follow other cars too closely when driving in traffic. Think back and count the number of times someone cut in ahead of you from another lane, last time you drove through the city. If you drive carefully, several other cars will cut in ahead of you every hour. If no one ever squeezes in ahead of you, it probably means that you consistently drive dangerously close to the car you are following.

THE GOOD OLD DAYS

Back in 1942

Taken from the issue of the Free Press, Thursday, August 6, 1942.

The farm labor problem, while serious in the locally, is being helped out by arrangements of the local Farm Emergency Committee. Secretary Fred Wright reports that much help has been directed through his office to farmers and nearly all requests have been met. 12 men were placed on farms yesterday. Yesterday, some of the Acton businessmen took their Wednesday half holiday and helped on the farms.

Quite a number of local fishermen report good catches of bass in Fairy Lake the past week. One report revealed stated a 16-inch beauty weighing nearly two and a half pounds. If this keeps up, everyone with a fishing pole for miles around will be visiting the lake.

Rev. Forbes Thomson has been appointed Scoutmaster of the First Acton Troop, succeeding Pie E. Grischow, who is now serving with the Active "Sevier" Forces. The meeting was held Tuesday evening at the home of president J. Boulton, with Commissioner George Mason attending. Rev. Thomson will assume his new duties immediately and it is hoped that one or two helpers will be available.

The Y.M.C.A. summer program at Acton park is proving quite popular with both youngsters and parents. An average of 3540 attend regularly and up to as many as 60 have been present at one time. The program is under the direction of Mrs. Johnny Gray, who is looking after the Y during the absence of her husband, who is serving overseas. The younger groups have two afternoons a week and the older groups, three evenings. The program at the park replaces that usually conducted in the Y and everyone seems to be enjoying the outdoors and well planned activities.

The Woman's Association of the United Church are busy quilting these days and during their meeting at the home of Mrs. R. Agar this week, it was learned that several quilts will be ready in the near future.

During the July meeting of the Dublin W.I., members heard an interesting and humorous account that two girls, Verma Webster and Betty Britton, had on visiting the Streetsville Flour Mill. The girls are members of the Garden Brigade. Members are making jam to send to the armed services overseas.

No doubt a lot of the present golf enthusiasts don't realize that Acton had their own golf links 40 years ago.

Back in 1912

Taken from the issue of the Free Press, Thursday, August 1, 1912.

Early Sunday morning, thieves broke into the grocery store of T. Statham after a vain attempt to gain entrance at the rear. Finally, they smashed a front window to get in the store and ransacked the counters. They stole a quantity of valuable tobacco, a half dozen tin of needles and other commodities, and making their getaway, they spilled some of the tobacco climbing a fence and this was recovered. It is believed the culprits were young boys who knew the area quite well. For this kind of criminal action, they are liable to a year or two in Central Prison.

The Department of Education on Saturday announced the results of Middle School examinations for entrance into the Normal Schools. Included in the list were the following pupils from Acton: Bertha E. Brown, Hazel V. Hurd, Bessie B. Mullin, Frances F. Mullin and L. Ruth Nelson. Mr. Darwin Cripps is operating the steam shovel excavating for the tannery and residents watch the operation admire the operator's ability to handle the machine.

The property of contractor J. B. Mackenzie has been purchased as the site for the new station for the radial road, which is to run through Acton. It is expected in order to accommodate the station, the plating mill will be required to move off the property. In the event this takes place, Mr. Mackenzie has purchased the corner property on Willow and Agnes Streets from John Speight.

Bugs \$1.00 bills have been circulated throughout the area and everyone is cautioned to be on the lookout for them. In Guelph the first of the week, several were passed on unsuspecting merchants. To date, no trace of the offenders has been found.

One of the autos from Johnstone's Garage met with an accident near Georgetown Sunday evening. It was driven by William Doughty and loaded with five passengers. Apparently the auto hit a bad spot in the road at this section and skidded into the ditch, tossing on all the occupants. Fortunately, no one was seriously hurt and escaped with minor bruises. The car was put back on the road and driven back to town by the driver.

Two young men from Guelph who built their own glider and a friend who went along for the airplane ride, narrowly escaped serious injury when the glider suddenly zoomed to the ground.

NEWS FROM AROUND THE DISTRICT

BURLINGTON—Two parties of American visitors have complained to the Chamber of Commerce that they didn't receive exchange on U.S. funds they spent in Burlington. The Chamber members cautioned all merchants that paying the premium on the United States dollar will assure the town of a big influx of American guests.

GEORGETOWN—The town has 67 new residents, all of them from Bell Island, Newfoundland. Following the dismissal of 1,200 men from the Dominion Steel and Coal Co. they had nowhere to go, so thanks to Graham "Pied Piper" Porter of Georgetown, they were invited to set up new roots in Georgetown.

OAKVILLE—A new branch library in western Oakville has enrolled over 1,500 new readers in just two weeks, reports librarian Mrs. Irene Stark. In the first week in the new Woodside Library over 4,000 books were circulated.

BRAMPTON—Check first before digging, a local gas company warned last week, after a backhoe digging machine ripped a hole in a natural gas transmission line. There was no fire, fortunately, but the break caused a supply problem for the company. The hole was punched in the line less than 50 feet from a blazing trash fire.

MILTON—The committee of adjustment granted a side lot variance last week to give the green light for an 18-suite apartment project. The three-story building will include bachelor, one-bedroom and two-bedroom suites.

Ladies' Aid Summer Meeting Held on Shady Country Lawn

Knox Ladies' Aid and a number of friends met at the home of Mrs. A. J. Murray, Second Line north, for their annual summer picnic meeting Tuesday afternoon.

Mrs. Murray was assisted by her two daughters, Mrs. M. Smith and Mrs. Ruby Hansen, her daughter-in-law Mrs. H. Murray and granddaughter Carol Hansen in making everyone welcome and comfortable on the lovely lawn surrounded with huge evergreen trees, flowers and shrubs.

Mrs. A. M. McPherson presided and welcomed all with an appropriate thought for the day and led a worship service including a hymn, The Lord's Prayer in unison and a scripture passage read by Mrs. Jas. Van Fleet.

A short business session included plans for a visit in the near future to Oakville to visit Mrs. E. J. Hassard and have a picnic in the park. Greetings were received from Mrs. C. T. Jones who is on a trip abroad. It was written while visiting Vienna Woods. Members were reminded to save the Canada Packer labels as before.

A Sports Program
A sports program of contests

Hurt in Accident

After staying four weeks in the recovery room of Hamilton General Hospital, Mrs. Derk Timmerman was last Saturday moved into a regular room. She was injured in an accident just south of town on Highway 25 when her son was killed. Her condition has improved and she is conscious. Her husband expected to have a cast put on yesterday and will soon be able to walk.

Sugar and Spice . .

BY BILL BAILEY

That doesn't have a chimney there's where the piano sat. Remember the singings, with people sit deep around it?

"Let's go up my big, loving staircase. Pretty graceful compared to that poky, little one you have now, isn't it? There's your old room. Remember how the kids used to paddle in, bare-footed, on Sunday morning, and slip you gently in the face till you gruggly sat up to button that shirt on the up that prony tail?"

"Here's Hugh's old room. It looks small to him now, but it seemed huge then. Remember the night you two put down the linoleum here, and almost agreed to get a divorce before the job was finished? Remember the time Hugh lited his sheets together and shinned out his window and 30 feet to the ground, when he was 10?"

"Kim's room looks about the same. There's the new plaster in the ceiling. Remember the night about 300 pounds of it came down and you thought the furnace had blown up? Remember how helpless you felt when she lay there, miserable, burning with fever, measles from nose to toes?"

"Yes, the bathroom is pretty, isn't it? Should be; it cost you plenty. I still don't think the pink mother-of-pearl toilet seat was essential. But you enjoyed that wide ledge on the bathtub. I've seen you soaking there with cigarettes, matches, books, and

wishes and your glasses, all at hand.

"Here's the little back bedroom that you spent so much time and money decorating, and never used. Don't you think it's nice? That you don't even have a book starts in your new house, do you? Here's the old utility room where you put up so many boxes in your pajamas, holding that stupid spaniel pup on a newspaper, while he read the comics.

"Here's the dining room. Hope, isn't it? They tell me you eat in one end of the living room, in your new place. Now, let's take a look down cellar. You couldn't bear it? I don't blame you. You spent seven wretched hours before you got sense enough to put the new one in, and I know there are still bits of ham and skin from your head on one of the beams down there.

"You have to go now? Aw. Well, I'm sorry. Even though you were the most cheerful, funny that ever lived in me, I've missed you. I gave you a lot of trouble, but we had some good times, didn't we? You'll never forget those days. Remember me, remember me."

That's what the old house said, as we locked the door and walked away for the last time.

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There was a congregation of good size at the church service in the park Sunday when the Rev. Stanley Gammon spoke. The Rev. J. Wilson was in charge. The band had a week's holiday but George Elliott played a portable organ and Gerald Wleek the cornet.

The two missionaries who are conducting Bible hours this week took part too, one with an accordion solo and the other with a brief talk.

—The youngster in the editorial photograph this week is Monica Heaney, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. Heaney, Acton.

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