

"A Cooling Thought for Summer"

THE GOOD OLD DAYS

Sugar and Spice ...

BY BILL SMILEY

Back in 1942

Taken from the issue of the Free Press, Thursday, August 27, 1942.

Saturday evening, a training plane from the Bramford Training School made a landing in a field on the farm of Mr. R. N. Brown, right at the third line. The only damage done in the forced landing was the knocking down of a few rods of wire fence. The machine was not damaged and the two occupants were not scratched. The landing was made in the heavy rain and electrical storm Saturday evening.

The second total eclipse of the moon which occurred on Tuesday night was plainly visible here and many watched the phenomenon. The eclipse started at 11:01 and was visible in most of the western hemisphere.

Agnes St., was killed in action in a new executive has been elected for the tennis club, including president, Gord Beatty; vice-president, Bud Jewell; secretary, Frances Dills; treasurer, Mike Bennett; social convener, Rita McNabb; social committee, Frances Rawlings, Inez McLellan and Florence Salt.

Acton Continuation School will re-open on September 21. Public schools resume on September 8.

Mr. J. W. Barberec brought a small branch broken off a plum tree into the office. It had 70 plums on it and is just a sample of most trees this year in the fruit belt.

There is no provision for extra sugar, tea or coffee for those who serve meals at Fall Fairs. We hope Acton Fair on September 18 and 19 will have nice warm weather.

Although a new ration book is in the mail, the coupons on the temporary ration card issued July 1 are still valid.

Edgewood Park, Eden Mills, was the scene last Thursday evening of a very enjoyable picnic held by Knox choir in honor of Miss Martha Orr, who is leaving to take a position in Burlington, and of Miss Wilma Hansen and Mr. Clarence Coles, a prospective bride and groom.

Dora Hansen, on behalf of the choir members, presented gifts. Felt as if it was near the frost line on Monday and Tuesday mornings, but really wasn't. Can't see any cause to complain about the weather since we get changes so suddenly and often.

Back in 1912

Taken from the issue of the Free Press, Thursday, August 22, 1912.

The Sons of England excursion to Niagara Falls on Saturday was well patronized. The special train carried 600 passengers from Berlin and intermediate stations. Acton sent a very respectable quota.

Mr. J. N. Taylor, who removed to Guelph a year ago, has returned to Acton. He says he can do better here than in Guelph and prefers Acton as a place of residence.

Alexander Pryde of Milira was found on the tracks near that place on Tuesday with his leg cut off and badly injured otherwise. He died that afternoon in Toronto Western Hospital. It appears he had been visiting friends and was walking home on the tracks when he was struck by a C.P.R. train. He apparently lay on the tracks all night and it is not known what train struck him.

Ducks have been seen on Fairy Lake the past week and certain persons here have been firing at them. The legal time for duck shooting is from September 1 to December 15 and breakers of this law will be prosecuted.

A most unseemly row occurred among a family of Galicians resident on Beardmore Crescent on Sunday afternoon. Furniture was smashed, bedding torn up and other extensive damage caused. Morris Saxe, who understands the language of these foreigners, was sent for and succeeded in quieting the row. He read the riot act to the crowd and informed them they must obey British law and live as peaceful citizens.

The bridge building gang at the tanneries has been rushing forward their work since the arrival of the Georgia pine timbers. The big trestle across the valley between the works of Beardmore and Co. and Acton Tanning Co. is nearing completion. There are two smaller bridges and a coal and bark trestle still to be built.

Mr. Adam Cook, Church St., who has been giving close attention to celery raising for several years, is first on the market with home grown celery. Mr. Cook has about 2,000 plants and they certainly look well.

Summer is running past with the feverish anxiety of a horse player heading for the wicket with a hot tip. We've had so many visitors that I've spent more time in the supermarket than I have in my own house. However, it hasn't been all one-way traffic. We've picked up a nice lot of loot from the guests. Total haul has been: one alarm clock, one pair dark glasses, one box jigsaw puzzles for age six to 10, several combs and one pair child's pants. In addition, we managed to unload one kitten from our latest batch.

Our daughter has been to camp for the first time in her life, and that produced enough crises to keep things lively. She's been talking camp since last winter. And one day in April, she came home from school and blared, "Do you know what I am, Mum? I'm just a freak!" Her mother absent-mindedly asked why. "Because I can't ride a bike and I've never been to camp!" she snorted. Apparently these are status symbols in the pre-teen set, just as fracture boards in twin beds are for the pre-middle-aged set.

Well, she got a bike for her birthday and now has been to camp, so it's nice to report that we've got rid of one freak in the family. Getting a feckless 11-year-old ready to go away for two weeks is quite an experience. And the parting is horrible. When we saw our baby, who had never been out from under, she was taking off in a burst from the town dock, with a lot of other wild-eyed little girls, we had a desperate, sinking feeling.

It wasn't improved much by her first letter, from which I quote: "Last night, I brought up all over the floor five times, but today I managed to get out in time. I've got the flu and am having a terrible time. Right now, I'm in my cabin, all alone, crying. I want to come home. XXXXXX. Love, Kim. P.S.—I hope you are both having a good time, but I don't suppose you are. Don't worry about my pain, Kim."

Take Advantage Of Top Prices

The August meeting of the Erin 4-11 Club was held on August 15 at the Erin Coliseum. The members took part in a discussion headed "Marketing Beef Calves", led by Elmer Lick. This included precautions and factors to be considered in the marketing of beef.

As prices are usually highest in July and January, advantage should be taken of this market condition.

The Toronto Stock Yard is the largest single outlet in Ontario.

Pride of Halton Lodge in Parade

Collingwood was visited by many thousands of people from a wide section of Ontario on Saturday, August 16, for the monster Derry Day parade marking the 274th anniversary of the relief of the Siege of Londonderry, Ireland, in 1688.

Ideal warm sunny weather favored the largely attended event.

A total of 132 Lodges took part in the celebration—a record attendance for any gathering in Collingwood. The former record was 114 Lodges in 1947. Comprising these 132 Lodges were Royal Black Preceptories, Christal chapters, Ladies' Orange Benevolent Associations and Orange Young Britons. Representatives of these Lodges came from as far north as Sudbury, North Bay, South River and Muskoka, as far south as Hamilton as far east as Peterborough and Lindsay and as far west as Lion's Head, Guelph, Tara and Owen Sound, along with a double diesel engine with a double trailer from Toronto.

This section of Ontario represented by attending Lodges, included the counties of York, Dufferin, Simcoe, Grey, Bruce, Wellington, Lincoln, Welland, Halton, Wentworth and others. The parade was two and a half miles long.

A major feature of the celebration was the huge parade of the Lodges with their many hand-banners and colorful regalia. There were bands of all sizes from 3-piece units to 50-piece ensembles and of all types including pipe and drum, flute and drum, bagpipe, trumpet, accordion and brass bands.

Many of the Lodges also were headed by smartly stepping majorettes from single to large groups. It was estimated about 25,000 people lined the streets. Reverend Cannon Walsh, R.B.P., of Brampton was headed by the Pride of Halton L.O.L. No. 467 flute and drum band. Members of the band travelled by car and had a very enjoyable trip there and back.

Her old lady nearly lost her marbles in the next few days. We couldn't phone or get in touch. There was nothing to do but sweat it out, with the vision of the child dying on that God forsaken island. Every time the telephone or doorbell rang, we jerked like spasms, positive it was the undertaker.

Then came the second letter, from which I quote bits. "I can dive. I got my first star today. Last night we had an Indian ceremony where every body dressed up as an Indian. Pickles took me under her blanket and now I am an Old Camper. I have been worried about Piper and the kittens. I hope they don't go away before I get back. This week is going much faster than the first week and pretty soon, it's going to be over. I hope we can afford a month next year but that's too much to ask. I'd certainly appreciate some cats—a lot. Hope you're having a good time, because I certainly am."

Not a word about her illness. Not a mention of her pain. Her mother could have beaten her.

Kids are a real millstone around the neck when you're planning a holiday trip. When they're small, you can't leave them, and it's too much trouble to take them. When they're medium-sized, it's too much trouble to get them ready and it almost doubles your costs. When they're big, they wouldn't be caught dead on a crummy trip with their parents.



Both our kids have had a good holiday this summer. The old lady and I haven't been anywhere of done anything. The other day, I got out the folders and started figuring out a trip to the newspaper convention in Winnipeg, for the four of us. I looked great. Part way by steamboat, part way by rail. We could just manage it, if the banker was in a good mood.

Then my wife took the pencil. By the time she had finished, the cost of the trip had doubled. I'd neglected to include several days of hotel accommodation, the convention fees, new clothes for the "gang" and board at the vet's for one cat, one kitten, one dog. Right now, it looks as though the big deal this summer will be a five-day motor trip, lurching from one set of relatives to another, for sleeping quarters.

Even that, as I know perfectly well, will fall through, because one of the kids will get sick, or the old car will develop the heaves, or the Old Battleaxe will get in one of her moods. However, it's nice to have the whole crew—dog, cats and kids—under one roof again, after a mixed-up summer, and if I can manage to sneak away for a whole day's fishing, without having to take anybody, or be home sharp at six for dinner, I'll reckon I've had a pretty good summer vacation.

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The Winners' Circle . . .

The staff of the Free Press would be less than human this week if they didn't feel a sense of pride after this newspaper was placed in the winning circle of Canada's weekly newspapers.

It is not a new experience for The Free Press but it is an experience that never seems to lack lustre from the frequency of repetition. Claiming honors on the paper's editorial and front pages adds considerably to the satisfaction obtained in trying to produce a creditable weekly newspaper.

The Free Press has been winning awards in the Canadian Weekly Newspapers Competitions for a good many years. The wins have provided new incentive and challenge. This, of course, is the true purpose of the contest.

The competitions are not particularly easy. Weekly newspapers from across Canada are eligible for the contest in the various circulation classifications. There is always room for improvement in any newspaper and the Free Press is no exception. Aware of this, we're naturally setting our sights higher and manfully churning up new ideas to add to the value of the paper in terms of its service to readers, advertisers and the community as a whole.

The fact that The Free Press is in the winners' circle again this year doesn't mean we're looking forward to a life of leisure. That isn't the object in striving for prizes. Next year with more new ideas and a continued sincere effort we hope to earn some more victories.

Of course no one person is ever responsible for a newspaper winning awards. Everyone in Acton and district has directly or indirectly assisted the Free Press staff in producing a newspaper worthy of the community it represents. Those who read the paper, those who advertise in it, those who serve as district correspondents, those who supply news leads and those who boost the paper join the editorial and production staff in producing every issue.

There is no magic formula for producing weekly newspapers. It takes hard work but more than anything else it takes the kind of co-operation that the people of this town and district give The Free Press.

We're pleased and proud to share the Free Press honors with the town and district that make them possible.

Forward Together . . .

The decision to engage a recreation director for Acton is a significant step in the community life of the town.

It should, of course, be understood that simply naming a recreation director does not provide a cure-all for delinquency or an end to the important services of the volunteers who have formulated past recreational endeavors and assisted with their operation.

A recreation director can provide important co-ordination of activities and valuable assistance in developing programs for which there is sufficient interest and need. Without the co-operation of the community, and those who want the specific activities, little can be done.

Acton has terrific facilities for recreation.

Others' Comments . . .

The Dutton Advance says Canada is doing things in a big way, even borrowing.

A report just released shows that on April 30, we owed a whopping \$1,096,000,000 to the chartered banks in the form of unsecured personal loans. This 31 per cent more than recorded on April 30, 1961. Perhaps so much deficit budgeting by those who govern us has something to do with it. Anyway, we blame most things on the government and it's as good a spot as any to place the responsibility of the increasing tendency to go into debt and our nonchalance about it.

The Kincardine News believes that a man who offers service is the town's best public relations promoter, and adds:

Before the clever man is in business very long he learns that one of the fundamentals of the success he looked forward to is service, without which he stands little chance in competition against his fellow men who are taking part in the very same game, and using the very same rules with more or less success depending on their own ambitions and personality.

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NEWS FROM AROUND THE DISTRICT

GEORGETOWN—A proposed new industry hit a snag when councillors learned it was to be a "feathermeal" plant, manufacturing animal feed from poultry feathers. The \$190,000 building has been held up until the firm promises the town there will be no odor from the plant.

BURLINGTON—In an open letter to the people of Burlington, which appeared in last week's Gazette, Mayor O'Brien is asking the people for help. The Mayor outlines the current problems facing the council, and asks for public criticism of council's actions since it took office, and proposals for future municipal action.

BRAMPTON—Summer vandals have smashed school windows, ripped up newly-planted trees, broken down fences and smashed school doors, council learned. Almost every school in Brampton has received some damage. Some schools were even pelted with fruit and vegetables, and vandals carved cuss-words in the woodwork at one.

OAKVILLE—Two weekly newspapers, The Record-Star and The Journal, have been merged to form a new daily newspaper, to be known as the Daily Journal Record. The Oakville Star was founded in the late 1800's and later merged with the Record. The Journal, one of the Thomson chain, was founded about 15 years ago. Bill Cotton of the Journal will be general manager of the new paper.

STREETSVILLE—Toronto Township zoning administrator Doug Reddingham has taken on the appearance of a "giant killer" as he tackled both the C.N.R. and Imperial Oil over zoning controversies.

Smith-Bell Clan Reunion Brings 65 to Farm Lawn

The Smith-Bell Reunion, which has been held at the home of the R. L. Davidsons, Acton, for nearly 20 years, was held this year at the lovely home of Mr. and Mrs. James Robinson, R.R. 6, Milton.

The tables were set under the beautiful maple which adorns the lawn for about 65 guests and justice to the feast which called by the president Don MacMillan at 1:00 o'clock.

The business was carried out and the officers for the coming year 1963 are: president Don MacMillan, Milton; first vice-president Edgar Howden Milton; secretary-treasurer Mrs. James Robinson, R.R. 6, Milton; sports committee, Larry McPhail, Larry Henderson and Carol Henderson all of Toronto.

Race Winners

The race results were five years and under Wayne MacMillan; boys 57 Raymond Henderson; boys 57 Patricia Ann Henderson; boys 70 Brian Elliott; girls 79 Jancie Mahon; boys 912 Brent Marshall; girls 812 Diana Henderson; boys 1215 Neil Robinson; girls 1215 Phyllis Hagegty. Young men's race, Larry McPhail; young ladies Phyllis Hagegty; married men's Mike Slawson; married ladies Pearl Slawson; bunny hop for children Patricia Henderson; 3-legged race, Brent Marshall; Neil Robinson. Throwing the bean bags, Brent Marshall; wheelbarrow race, Neil Robinson and Brent Marshall; relay race, Diane Henderson's team; kicking the shoe, Lillian Robinson.

A woman will go through anything for a man, is said — and the way of 2000 is a good many of them, said with his bank roll. Does the pathway to the future look dark and shadowy? Personal light. Paps you are standing in your A resident who lives near the railway tracks says he has something better than a vibrating chair — a current health fad. It's a vibrating bus.