

THE GOOD OLD DAYS

Sugar and Spice...

50 YEARS AGO

Taken from the issue of the Free Press of Thursday, May 29, 1913. Twenty-nine days have passed since the Local Option by-law ceased its operations and the license to sell intoxicating liquors came into effect in Acton. We venture the opinion that even the most ardent workers for the restoration of the barroom are disappointed at the results.

20 YEARS AGO

Taken from the issue of the Free Press of Thursday, May 27, 1943. Last Thursday in the House of Commons the Member for Halton, Mr. Hughes Cleaver, answered critics on war expenditure following the arguments advanced by the member for Lake Centre, Mr. Diefenbaker.

You'd never know it to look at me, but I will observe my 43rd birthday this week. What I mean is, if you are six, you'll think I'm at least 60, and if you're 66, you'll think I'm only about 29.

lesson about smoking in bed. One night my wife came home from a meeting, walked into the bedroom and was confronted by a pillar of smoke. I have never smoked in bed since, except when I was reading.

I've given up playing around, too. This occurred last New Year's Eve when my wife caught a lady kissing me with gay abandon. She didn't mind an Auld Lang Syne buss so much. It was the gay abandon that got her. She claimed it was mutual.

I haven't kicked a dog in years. Except Playboy, our spaniel, when he helped me out with the garbage the other day.

Well, then, the morals are on the upswing. As for success in life, I think things are going well there, too. When I was married, I didn't have a thing. Now I have three mortgages. My name is a Household word. What more could one ask of success?

With regard to my likes and dislikes, that's easy. I like swamps. Today, I was out in a swamp and I saw a rabbit, three partridge, a deer and a wild duck, all within easy range. I had a fishing rod. That's why I like swamps.

I like teenagers. From July 1 to September 4, I find them the most fascinating, lively, fervent, intriguing group I

ever had nothing to do with.

I like eggs (scrambled) and legs (chicken). I like May and September. I like individuals as long as they are being individual with somebody else. I enjoy crowds, when they are somewhere else.

I don't like humorless people; those who try to impose their morals on others; dirty jokes that aren't funny; waking up in the morning; going to bed at night; phonies; work; cats. I also don't like people with more money than I, people who are smarter than I, people who are better looking than I. In fact, I don't like many people.

Now for the odds and ends of my birthday analysis. If everyone followed my rules, few would live past 80. And it would serve them right.

You are old, Father William. Oh, izat so?

How come, then, my daughter would rather play catch with me than anyone?

How come my son says, "Dad, when are you gonna grow up?"

How come my wife says, "Stop acting like a child!"

Well, all I can say, in the face of all that evidence, is "Happy Birthday to you!" And I do mean me.

PUBLIC FOREST TRACTS, like this one near Haltonville, are ours to enjoy. Owned and managed by the Department of Lands and Forests, they are natural woodlands and planted acreages to be preserved in their natural state and protected against the ravages of modern progress.

The Rural-Urban Similarity...

Recently officials celebrated the 50th anniversary of 4-H club work. To those on the farms of the area the 4-H program is a familiar topic. To those in the urban centres the program is not as well known. This is the unfortunate part.

A survey conducted in Saskatchewan two years ago supported the idea that 4-H clientele was not necessarily a rurally oriented one. Indeed the figures revealed that most 4-H leaders feel that 4-H programs should be for all young people rather than for those who live on farms or in strictly rural communities.

We have felt for some time those rural children who participate in the 4-H program for girls and boys have a distinct advantage in the practical knowledge they gain that will be useful, whether they continue in farming or seek new fields. The girls particularly, in their 4-H Homemaking courses, gain practical knowledge that will be valuable.

Ideally the 4-H Homemaking courses should be available to the urban as well as rural girls. It would surely serve as an extension of knowledge that might be gained in home economics classes and would certainly benefit the girl when she might begin homemaking on a full time basis.

Whether urban centres could ever find the volunteer leaders who could carry out the program or not, is difficult to determine.

There always seems to be sufficient leaders in rural districts which fact speaks highly for the adults of those sections. Whether the girls themselves would be interested is also an unknown factor, but the field of activity for girls always seem more limited than for boys and the girls might welcome a new opportunity for self-improvement.

The need for this self-help and expansion of practical knowledge for both boys and girls exists. Perhaps the town-centred Scouts, Cubs, Guides and Brownies provide something that is not commonly available to rural children. We do feel, however, that the 4-H program, particularly for the girls, could find common ground in the town or in the rural home. Tailoring, nutrition, preparation of vegetables — these are all subjects that appear from time to time, with many more, on the list of activities for the club girls. Surely their appeal is equal in the town or country.

Perhaps the 4-H program is being carried on in some towns in Ontario. If so we haven't heard of it. If not why can't it be? The professional direction for the program comes from the Ontario Department of Agriculture but this should not limit it to rural communities if the program is as valid as we feel it has come to be in its 50 years.

Perhaps Halton could make a start by offering to work with town-centred 4-H girls' groups, on an experimental basis. It would be one way of determining interest.

A New Look...

An eminent jurist, Mr. Justice Bernard Bissonnette, dean of the Court of Queen's Bench in Montreal, has written a book on the Canadian Constitution. A headline reviewing the book says that the author concludes that separatism is not the answer to the problem of how French and English in Canada can get along better together.

Before anyone thinks of what changes might be made in the British North America Act, it may be well to note exactly what the Fathers of Confederation caused to be put in the Act with reference to the two languages. It is section 133, which reads as follows:

"Either the English or the French Language may be used by any Person in the Debates of the Houses of the Parliament of Canada and of the Houses of the Legislature of Quebec; and both those Languages shall be used in the respective Records and Journals of those Houses; and either of those Languages may be used by any Person or in any Pleading or Process in or issuing from any Court in Canada established under this Act, and in or from all or any of the Courts of Quebec."

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"The Acts of the Parliament of Canada and of the Legislature of Quebec shall be printed and published in both those languages."

One thing is sure, any young politician of the future will be seriously handicapped if he has not a working knowledge of both French and English.

Decoration Day...

The route of the Decoration Day parade is always lined with Actonians and their weekend visitors, drawn out by the music of the bands. While there is always a large group waiting in Fairview cemetery for the service of remembrance there, we wonder why more of the spectators along the route do not come to the cemetery and join their neighbors in this annual program, arranged by representatives of various organizations in town?

NEWS FROM AROUND THE DISTRICT

BRAMPTON—Voters on Saturday approved three of five liquor questions. They granted approval for cocktail lounges by a 62.8 per cent favorable vote, beer and wine with meals by 62.4, and liquor with meals by 67.7 per cent. Voters turned down men's and ladies' beverage rooms by 800 and 300 majorities.

GEORGETOWN—The Women's Auxiliary of Georgetown District Memorial Hospital has formed a visitor control committee, to make sure patients get no more than two visitors at a time. All visitors will check in and out at the W.A. desk in future.

BURLINGTON—You can't be bored in Burlington this summer. The Recreation and Parks Committee has a summer program planned that includes swimming, camping, tennis and playgrounds. Day camps for the children begin July 8 in Lowville Park and Camp Manitou, while learn-to-swim classes, an expanded playground program, tennis classes and a teenagers' program round out the busy summer.

OAKVILLE—Blaming increasingly higher production costs, Oakville's lone dairy has increased the price of milk one cent a quart to 26 cents. Oakville Dairy manager Jack Newman said it was the first price increase since October, 1959. Hamilton and Toronto processors have been charging the higher price for some time.

MILTON—Planners are considering relaxing the zoning rules about car garages, following several weeks of complaints from residents and councillor Charles Menets. The present rule states the garage must be the height of the gables away from the lot line. Planners are talking about a four foot border.

LIMEHOUSE

W.I. Annual, Visitors Highlight District News. Limehouse W.I. and the W.A. joined in catering for the Halton W.I. District Annual meeting held in Limehouse Presbyterian Church on May 22. Nearly 100 registered Home economists, Mrs. Cossom commented favorably on the Limehouse Vegetables demonstration by Marlene Heisler with Margo Ruddell commenting when they demonstrated the preparation of vegetable dishes in a skit, entitled "Dressing Up Vegetables for a Party."

Heather Club Plans Rummage, Bake Sale

The May meeting of the Knox Heather Club was held at the home of Eva Cooper. The president, Betty Butler, called the meeting to order with the Lord's Prayer and in unison. The scripture reading was given by Jean Leishman.

Plans were made for a rummage and bake sale to be held in September. Betty Butler and Meryl Kirkness are convener for the rummage and Helen Mason and Jean Leishman are convener for the baking.

The members unanimously decided on a barbecue to be held in June. The meeting closed with the March benediction.

Lunch was served and every one enjoyed a social half hour.

Seven Limehouse girls completed the recent course and attended Summary Day at Milton on Saturday.

The Tom Hamiltons spent the holiday weekend at Parry Sound. Beginning on June 2, the services at Limehouse Presbyterian Church will be held at 9:30 P.M. and Sunday school will open at 10:45.

Recent Visitors: Mr. Farrell and Miss Fern Farrell of Toronto, with the Pattersons on Sunday.

Mrs. D. S. McDonald of Milton and Mr. R. McDougal and children of St. Thomas with the Geby's.

Each year, at birthday time, I like to make a brief analysis of my character, my success in life, my likes and dislikes, and anything else that happens to crop up.

As far as character goes, I am confident that there is a steady improvement. Some people deteriorate morally as they grow older. I get better and better. Really.

Take smoking, for example. I used to smoke like a chimney. I even smoked while I was shaving. I learned my lesson. One day I put my razor in my mouth and took a drag on it, and tried to take my whiskers off with a hot butt. It was because I was reading at the time, of course.

Now, I never read, smoke and shave at the same time. It's pretty boring, just reading and shaving, or smoking and shaving, but I've stuck to it.

I also received an object

Let's Play Bridge By Bill Coats

One of the most useful bids in bridge is the "takeout" double. Unfortunately it does present partner with some problems some times. In responding to a takeout double two things must be borne in mind. First, the weaker your hand the more imperative it is that you do bid and second, never pass unless you can guarantee to set the contract with a trump lead.

Occasionally you can break these rules with an understanding partner and leave the double in if you feel that any bid by your side will lead to a tenable fate. I tried this on board number 10 last week at the Acton Bridge Club.

Dealer East. Both sides vulnerable. North S-O 6 4 H-9 3 2 D-J C-3 8 7 4 3

West S-10 8 7 2 H-4 3 D-A K C-A Q 2 South S-A K J H-K 6 4 D-Q 10 9 7 2 C-9 5

The bidding: East South West North Pass 1 D DBLE. Pass Pass Pass

I really should have bid one spade on East's hand. I know this looks tenable but the double commands me to bid. However I felt that any move I made was going to be bad so I elected to pass.

In spite of the fact that leaving in the double calls for a trump lead, West decided to remain control and lead a small spade. Declarer won this and led a trump. Back came an other spade. Declarer won and led another trump and West led back spades for the third time. Now when South led the club, West won and led the thirteenth card so that I could get rid of my five of hearts.

South made just six tricks, three in spades and three in trumps. One other East led the double in, but allowed declarer to make the heart king for a seventh trick. Another East bid one no trumps, down one and one West decided not to double and bid one heart which just made.

May I suggest however that you never leave a takeout double in unless you have a most understanding partner.

This week's winners, first, Tom Warren and Charles Corcoran, third, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Hooper.

Golden Wedding For Acton Native

An Acton native and his wife had a golden wedding celebration last week in Kirkland Lake. Mr. and Mrs. James Dunn were "50 and in" to the dinner in the Park Lane Hotel attended by about 35. Later there was a reception at their home.

Mr. and Mrs. Dunn were married in 1913 at New Liskeard Sacred Heart Church. Since their marriage they have lived in Acton, New Liskeard and Kirkland Lake. Mr. Dunn has worked at the Tack Hughes Mine for 32 years. Mrs. Dunn is a native of Scotland.

They have one son, James Dunn of Toronto; three grandchildren and three great grandchildren. A great-granddaughter danced the Highland Fling at their anniversary celebration.

Patred is the crowd's revenge for being intimidated — George Bernard Shaw.

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