

Soon to Be Gone



Editorial Page

For 16,000 Crippled...

Easter Seal contributions are financing the finest, most up-to-date program of treatment and rehabilitation for Ontario's crippled children that can be found anywhere.

Envelopes will shortly go out to town and district residents from the local Rotary Club who will again conduct the campaign. There is a self-addressed, postage-paid envelope in which contributions can be forwarded to the local campaign treasurer. Last year more than \$1,200 was contributed from this area.

The Ontario Society for Crippled Children and its associated Service Clubs have had 40 years of continuous expansion and improvement, so that today the child or teenager living in Ontario who has a physical disability has the best possible chance of complete rehabilitation.

The people of Ontario have indicated their concern for the crippled child, and their belief in the Society's program of care and treatment, by their faithful support to the Society's one annual public appeal, the Easter Seal campaign.

As Others Foretold...

The January newsletter of the Motor Vehicle Safety Association, an informal study group of fleet safety supervisors, says a number of sage sayings seem to have present-day application:

From the Bible (Nahum, 11-4, about 607 B.C.): "The chariots shall rage in the streets, they shall jostle one against another in the broad ways; they shall seem like torches, they shall run like lightning."

At the time of Elizabeth 1, Roger Bacon predicted: "It will be possible to construct chariots so that without animals they may be moved with incalculable speed."

A Latin proverb: "Happy is the man whom the dangers of others makes cautious!"

Out of Date Answer...

The royal commission on bilingualism and biculturalism has decided to cover the whole country at least twice. It is a wise decision. For the commission is not examining a static situation. It is examining the attitudes and conditions of a country that is

Editorial Briefs...

The attention of the modern girl is called to this item from a merchandising journal: "It is a mistake to display a great deal of your merchandise in the show window."

-Stratford Beacon-Herald.

The average man, it has now been estimated, spends 8,760 hours on the telephone

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THE GOOD OLD DAYS

20 YEARS AGO

Taken from the issue of the Free Press of Thursday, Feb. 24, 1944.

Mr. and Mrs. David Drysdale received word on Monday that their son, L. Cpl. John Drysdale, has been wounded by high explosive mortar in the abdomen and is in hospital.

"E" ration coupons which are now valid for the purchase of tea and coffee are not to be detached from the ration books of children under 12 years of age.

The world day of prayer local committee is holding the service tomorrow in the Baptist Church. Mrs. Charles Landborough is in charge and Mrs. Caldwell will give the address.

I. Blr. P. H. Taylor wrote to the War Service League: "I can't put into words how much we appreciate everything the people of Acton are doing for us. By next Christmas we all hope to be home in Acton with you again. We had Col. G. Brew at dinner. He was telling us how he left Guelph a few days before snow and real winter weather there."

Living Officer Joseph Hurst of the R.C.A.F. stationed at Trenton has been promoted to the rank of Flight Lieutenant.

Mr. Justice Keiller McKay has been presiding at the assizes court in Milton. There was an action for slander over an alleged statement over some sheep stray to the plaintiff's farm.

At Ovington plans are being made for installation of a new furnace in the local church, which should provide a great comfort. The members are hopeful of installing hydro, too.

Word was received in Rockwood of the passing of Miss Margaret Strachan, who for many years was on the staff of Rockwood Public School. Her brother, the late John Strachan, was principal.

Fuchs and dance was held in Billmatal Hall in aid of the Red Cross. High scorers were Mr. Harding Pike and Mr. Robert McHenry and a lucky chair prize went to Mr. James Kirkwood. Owing to bad roads, the crowd was not so large.

50 YEARS AGO

Taken from the issue of the Free Press of Thursday, Feb. 24, 1914.

At council a letter was received from David Ross requesting the license fee of \$40 for his bowling alley be reduced. There are now more places of amusement in town and consequently less patronage of the bowling alley. The bowling alley is doing very little business, and there is often little or no heat nor light. The fee was reduced to \$15 per annum.

Mr. Gregory said there was not enough business done in the motion picture show to afford a license fee. His fee for 1913 was returned. "I did make something out of the show before the hotels got their license back," he said.

A letter has come from Mrs. Little in Canada containing this pathetic reference to the burning of Mr. W. W. Beardmore's residence last month: "The news of the destruction by fire of 'Banfield Hall' as I used to call the house, after my paternal grandmother's in England, gave me a painful shock. It brought back to my memory the happy home of my dear husband and I spent planning it. This is another reminder of the transitory nature of things of this sphere."

There is a tradition here, although not altogether authentic, that Mr. Robert Little, who was an enthusiastic educationist, had erected the building with a view to conducting a boys' residential school but the inauguration of the high school branch of our Ontario Education System in 1871 made such an undertaking not likely to be a success. He himself was for the first 14 years inspector under the revised System.

Roman Catholics who henceforth dance modern dances broad to include the dancing of recent innovations such as the Tango, Turkey Trot, Bunny Hug, etc. are committing a mortal sin. The Pope has never approved of any of the modern dances, despite statements to the contrary.

The glove works of W. H. Storey and Son are to be equipped at once with hydroelectric power.

NEWS FROM AROUND THE DISTRICT

GEORGETOWN — The town's bid to annex 45 acres of land in Esquimaux, which includes part of Smith and Stone and Meadow Glen Mushroom Growers, was rejected by the Ontario Municipal Board recently after a day and a half long hearing in the Council Chamber. In giving the decision the chairman noted, "The Board is satisfied that in a large part Georgetown based its claim on the desire for the additional assessment, and at no time does the Board accept criterion of assessment as grounds for annexation."

BURLINGTON — Council's finance committee is to study a proposal to reduce the number of wards in the town's municipal election boundaries. Town Clerk William Sims has suggested that the town's municipal election boundaries be reduced to either four or five. At present, there are nine wards, each represented by a single councillor.

BRAMPTON — False alarms are becoming a serious problem for Brampton firemen. Three bogus alarms last week brought the total to nine in the past three weeks. Most of these alarms are turned in by practical jokers, but some, such as the one which sent firemen rushing to Peel Memorial hospital recently, are caused by failures in the alarm system.

MILTON — Milton Area Fire Department answered 106 fire alarms during 1963, a commendable decrease of 28 alarms over the previous 12 month period. Despite the decrease in fire alarms, however, the fire losses increased. The 1963 loss was \$167,900 which included two large fires, the Robin Hood Flour Mills at \$110,000 and the McDuffie Farm Equipment building at \$30,000. In the previous year losses totalled \$72,463.

OAKVILLE — One Oakville youth evidently wanted a town parking meter all for his very own, but didn't quite get it. The young lad was stopped by a passerby, as he walked up the street with a meter under his arm, but fled without the meter before he could be stopped.

HALTON MANOR

Eastern Star Valentine Party Chapel Service for Residents

The World Day of Prayer which was being observed all over the world on Friday, February 14, was observed in the chapel of the Manor on that same afternoon. There was a large congregation of residents in attendance and the service was a very reverent and dignified one. Mrs. S. Lockie and Mrs. S. Allen were the two leaders in charge of the service and Mrs. Lockie also played the organ. Mrs. Annie Agnew read one of the Psalms as part of the service which was conducted according to the leaflet issued by the Women's Inter-Church Council of Canada.

Open Lent
The first Sunday in Lent was observed with a service conducted by Dr. T. M. Durston, rector of Grace Anglican Church in Milton on February 16. Mrs. Ray Waters was the organist.

Dr. Durston read Psalm 51, which is one of the Psalms for Lent, and verses 1-10 of Chapter 6 of Second Corinthians. Dr. Durston began his sermon by explaining the meaning and importance of the Lenten season. Having stated that Lent is observed in remembrance of our Lord's sojourn of 40 days and nights in the Wilderness, Dr. Durston said that at that time Christ came face to face with

Satan. After describing the three kinds of temptation overcome by our Lord, Dr. Durston said that temptation comes to all of us. Temptation can mean that although we may fall beneath it, we can also rise and conquer.

Hearts and Cupids, symbols of St. Valentine's Day, were very much in evidence as decorations for the stage and walks of the auditorium on Monday night, February 17, when about thirty ladies who are members of the Eastern Star and several gentlemen came to the Manor to conduct a very pleasant evening of entertainment. Mrs. W. Rowney, worthy Matron of the Chapter, and Percy Barr, Worthy Patron, were both present. The Conventers were the five Star Points, the Chaplain and the Marshall.

After Mrs. Rowney had extended greetings to all, Mr. Barr announced a very enjoyable program. Four young girls dressed in attractive Scottish costumes danced a Scottish dance. These four girls were Barbara and Margaret Mackay and Jeanne and Donna Purdy. Andrea Cumelli, also dressed in a pretty Scottish costume danced a solo Scottish dance, after which all five girls danced the Flora Macdonald.

Sugar and Spice...

BY BILL SMILEY

Have you watched teenagers dancing lately? If you haven't and you are old-fashioned and your blood pressure is high, take my advice. Don't.

Saturday afternoon through sheer inertia, I found myself before a television set showing one of those teenage dance programs. Fortunately, I am not an old-fashioned nor high-blood-pressured (if you know). But I must confess, I was wishing I were 25 years young.

Today's kids dance "dolefully, but sweetly to the slow numbers, heads knuckled together, bodies scarcely moving, intent, serious, tender yet strangely impersonal. But the music begins to clang and thump, they come into their own. They laugh, they bob and bounce, they wiggle and jiggle.

Operating Engineers Protest Bill 37

A meeting of operating engineers in this district was held on Sunday at the home of E. A. Lewis, chief engineer of the Georgetown Hospital, attended by 15 engineers, including three from Beardmore and Co. The object of the meeting was to try and form an association, non union, non political, to protect all operating engineers, and promote safe operation of boilers as a recent bill before the Legislature ignores both. Bill 37 has passed two readings and was only stopped on delayed on the third reading by the united efforts of operating engineers their unions and organizations.

The men at the meeting feel that it is unfortunate that this has received little or no publicity, as all schools and public buildings have boilers which if left in the hands of unqualified persons, (such as the passage of this bill) would have made possible) could be extremely dangerous.

The next meeting will be held at 16 Mary St., Georgetown, to pick officers and discuss plans. All operating engineers are asked to attend at 7:30 p.m. on Tuesday, March 10.

Elect Officials In County Group

C. W. E. Thom of Oakville was re-elected president of the Halton County Mental Health Association, at the group's annual meeting in Oakville.

W. W. Russell of Burlington was named treasurer, Mrs. C. W. E. Thom recording secretary, John Graham corresponding secretary, and Mrs. Doris Grummett, volunteer services.

Directors named include Dr. A. F. Bull, Mrs. Ted Lyle and Mrs. M. Gilmore of Milton; Mr. and Mrs. Paul Lanz, Mrs. N. S. Small, J. W. Singleton and Stewart McClellan of Burlington; Mrs. M. McGilivray, Mrs. J. Bartram, Mrs. G. J. Dunn, Mrs. M. Menagh and Rev. R. R. Bonsteel of Oakville; and Mrs. Mary Owens, Hamilton.

Dr. Bull spoke to the meeting about the need for a psychiatric clinic in Halton, and reported an attempt to have one located at the Oakville hospital had failed.

Guest speaker was John Byles, a professor of social work from University of Toronto.

and giggle. Their faces light up, their feet weave and shift and trace peculiar patterns. They are very young and very much alive, and completely caught up in that most ancient means of communication—rhythm.

Watching them, I was sad. It's a pretty bitter thing, after all, to have been too young for the Charleston, too old for the Twist.

But I couldn't stay sad. Letting my mind drift back over the years, I actually began to feel sorry for the youngsters.

"These kids," I thought disdainfully, "How many of them have mastered a step as I did? Sure, they can do the ChaCha and the Twist and the Bossa Nova. But is there a single one of them who can base a whole era of dancing on one step—the fox-trot as I did?"

There are ample-bosomed middle-aged ladies, across the land who will testify that some day was a corker, if not a terror when he tripped the light fantastic.

There are grandmothers in Canada, England, France and Belgium whose eyes still light up when they remember the way we whirled about the dance halls, a symphony of smoothness, a fantasy of fox-trotting.

"How many of these kids," I wondered, "have ever danced



with a Brazilian beauty who couldn't speak a word of English and was doing a dreamy tango—while you were doing a brisk fox-trot?"

"How many of them," I queried, "have ever been to a real old country square-dance, where the sign that the dance was over was not the band playing 'The Queen', but the stove pipes coming down when the light started?"

"How many," I thought, have ever tried to fox-trot with a hawkeye land Army girl who was bound she was doing a waltz, and could lift you right off the floor in the process?"

"How many of them," I considered, "have walked up to a flash-eyed young French matron in Brussels, at a night club, bowed to her, bowed to her husband, asked her to dance in impeccable Greek, Eleven French, and received a slap in the face from her, a kick in the groin from her husband?"

No! Let them have their fun, I have my memories. Long before these kids were running around with their diapers dangling, I was checking back in my enchanted summer evenings, and breathing heavily into the ears of their Aunt Mabels.

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