

Spring Scene



GREEN BUDS were just beginning to show on the trees when this picture was taken from Dublin cemetery hill, overlooking the town. The warm weather had brought a mist of green to the countryside.

Arranging Our Dissolution...

Day by day and year by year, The Financial Post says in an editorial, it is becoming clearer and clearer that the easy, least expensive way for Canadians to meet our national problems would be to quit trying to deal with them, go on a nationwide tax and work holiday and let our national affairs go to pot. After a few months of that, The Post states, we could count on thorough national chaos. We could then count on the Americans rushing to our aid with lovely loans and gifts, and sending us battalions of experts to "advise" us on how to manage our affairs.

Canada is in chronic trouble with the U.S. because it has NOT done these things. It struggles mightily to pay its own way, to put its house meticulously in order and to be respectable, non-troublesome and useful member of the Western alliance. It is George Ball, the U.S. Undersecretary of State, who has launched the biggest recent attack on Canada for its efforts to mind well its own business and to perform sensibly the duties of citizenship. Ball threatens that Canada must do nothing to bring about the transfer

of production from one country to another. This means Ball will fight against Canada's efforts to make progress with things like the auto parts rationalization plan. According to him it is bad for Canada to ask car makers in this country to earn U.S. dollars on exported made-in-Canada auto springs, for instance, and to pay for imported made-in-U.S. auto roof stampings.

Canada is, by far, the best U.S. customer. It is the most elementary fact of economic life that the only way to economic health is for Canada to develop ways of selling more to the U.S. This Ball says we must not do. What Ball orders inevitably means that our government should let our situation continue to deteriorate and that it preside with docility over the liquidation of Canada as an independent country. For those who think there is a place in the world for small nations and who have regard for Canada — and that regard is just the same quality of mind and heart that Americans have for their country — the Ball prescription for our national requiem is not welcome.

Farewell and Greetings...

Recent changes on the Halton agricultural scene are the resignation of A. Francis as the county agricultural representative and the appointment of Henry J. Stanley. The actual transition was effective May 1. A. Francis, leaving the service of the Department of Agriculture, leaves behind many friends made while he was in the county. Since he began work here in 1957 and following the appointment as Agricultural representative in 1959, he has been active in community service work in Halton and Agriculture in Halton.

While many have been expressing their regret at the leaving of A. Francis and his family there has been a kind of unanimous expression of good wishes to him for every success in his new venture. At the same time Doug Burnside and Earl Muir also left the Halton Agricultural office and since they are all to be associated in the same venture, the best wishes go

What's in a Name?...

The question of whether planning boards ever do any planning — though they do other useful work — came up during a workshop session of the 51st annual meeting of the Ontario Chamber of Commerce not too long ago.

Delegates applauded when A. H. LeMaistre of the regional co-ordination division of the Ontario Government's Department of Economics and Development said, "I've been a member of several planning boards in my day and quite frankly I don't believe that

planning boards are doing much planning." But, he continued, "planning" is an unfortunate choice of words. "Programming" is much better. People seem to associate "planning" with dozens of don'ts and anti-programming implies scheduling and unification of services which is more in line with what we are trying to do."

If a change of name will give those groups a better chance at doing some important work, one wonders why such a change has not been implemented long ago.

THE GOOD OLD DAYS

20 YEARS AGO 50 YEARS AGO

Taken from the issue of the Free Press, Thursday, April 27, 1944.
With bells ringing and whistles blowing, the Sixth Victory Loan got underway Monday morning. The first sales were made and a photograph taken. (There were very few local pictures in the Free Press 20 years ago.)

In the group were Mr. John Nicol, first buyer, with two sons overseas and a daughter in the W.D. of the R.C.A.F.; salesman C. F. Leatherland and John Locker and S. Roberts ready to sign up; Miss Rachel Mullin, assisting at headquarters; Mrs. Lawrence Gibbons, who is in charge of the Acton office; salesman C. B. Swackhamer making his first sale; George Elliott, a Continuation School student and Mrs. E. C. Gould, a member of the Continuation School staff. Chief E. E. Harrop was another first buyer. Salesman Fred Wright was making sales out on the street.

Lance Bombardier Bill Eakins, a former pupil at Lorne and Acton schools, has been wounded in Italy. He was hurt in England when a train was bombed, and has served in Malta and Africa.

Harvey McCutcheon received his wings and was commissioned as a pilot officer.

Burn: Sandra Lee Davidson, Carolyn Jane Cook; and to Mr. and Mrs. P. Kenney in Manchester, England, a daughter, Katharine Marie.

The barn on the Wool Combining property is being torn down. It was moved from John St. right in the centre of town.

Mrs. Jim Graham is visiting with her husband in Windsor, Nova Scotia.

Cpl. N. J. Braida was home from Debert, Nova Scotia, for a few days.

Neighbors of Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Wright had a surprise party for them recently. H. Switzer acted as chairman. Betty Allen gave a solo and Audrey McArthur gave a reading.

The address was read by Miss Esther Taylor and the couple were presented with a coffee table and flowers. Speeches were given by G. W. Maxales and J. J. Stewart.

Taken from the issue of the Free Press, Thursday, April 30, 1914.
The announcement of the sudden death of Miss Clara Bauer at her mother's home on Arthur St. Friday morning, brought consternation and sorrow to many hearts. She was at the place works all day Thursday and went home in her usual health. In the evening, she was suddenly seized with a paralytic stroke, fell in a coma and passed away. She was 22.

St. Alban's church was entirely inadequate to accommodate the large numbers desiring to attend the funeral. The pallbearers were five brothers of the deceased and her fiancé, Misses Eric and Ina White, Adah and Ethel Clarke, and Florence and Midge Chapman were honorary bearers. They were dressed in white with black ribbons, and each carried a shroud of flowers.

The annual spring fair, sponsored by the Agricultural Society, was held in the Driving Park, Georgetown, Thursday.

T. Statham and Son, Opposite the new post office. Our ice cream parlour opens for the season Saturday. Ice cream made fresh every morning.

Depositors in the Farmers' Bank who lost their money will have it refunded by the government.

G. W. Cook, a well known and prosperous farmer, between Exeter and Osprey, a man 41 years of age, was found dead in his bed. The funeral on Sunday was one of the largest ever held in Fern township. There were about 200 conveyances in the cortege.

The annual election of officers of the Epworth League was held Monday with the following results: honorary president, Rev. C. D. Draper; president, Miss Minnie Z. Bennett; first vice-president, George Elliott; second vice-president, Miss Ethel Coleman; third vice-president, social and literary, Miss Berrie Smith; citizenship, A. T. Brown; pianist, Ernest Brown; secretary, Miss Lillie Frankum; treasurer, J. V. Coleman. The president of the Juniors is Sabra Nelson and Jack Kennedy is president of the Intermediates.

NEWS FROM AROUND THE DISTRICT

BURLINGTON — By-laws regarding store closing hours and days were passed by council by an 11-1 vote amidst the applause of a packed council chamber. Councillor Loyal Fox was the lone objector. The recommendation to approve the by-laws came from the finance committee after it held two meetings recently to consider proposals presented by the Hamilton and District Uniform Store Hours Committee.

OAKVILLE — An Oakville man with 30 consecutive years of public service, was honored by the Oakville Lions club, the town's citizen of the year, recently. Charles Hillmer, former Oakville mayor, reeve, councillor, public school board member and recreation committee member, was honored as the town's 24th citizen of the year.

GEORGETOWN — Town baritone Tom Touten will play the male lead in the Broadway musical Kiss Me, Kate in Hamilton next month. Many people saw Pyjama Game when Mr. Touten starred in this production at Kitchener two years ago. Kiss Me, Kate is an even more demanding role in which a performer must combine a good singing voice with excellent acting.

BRAMPTON — Junior-size skyscrapers are definitely underway in downtown Brampton, after length "off again, on again" negotiations. Wrecking crews are at work on the Queen's Hotel where a nine storey building with "city hall" as a tenant, is scheduled for completion this year.

MILTON — A bright airy location that offers space for 20,000 books, became the home this week for the Milton Public Library after years beneath the town hall. The home of the Milton Public Library is the former Adams store on Main St., directly across the street from the town hall.

Provincial President Speaker For Junior Farmer's Church Service

By Marilyn Wrigglesworth

May 5 was the date of the 15th annual church service of the Halton Junior Farmers. A fair attendance of parents and friends came for the service, which was held at St. Paul's United Church in Milton.

President Joy Hayward conducted the service, with treasurer Joe Love leading the congregation in prayer, and secretary Diane Wrigglesworth reading the Scripture.

The guest speaker was John Elliott, president of the Ontario Junior Farmers Association, who resides at Nanapan in Lennox and Addington County.

Choir Anthems
Two anthems were sung by the Halton Junior Farmer choir, "God So Loved the World" and "The Heavens are Telling", featuring a trio of Marilyn Reeve, Aileen Harrop and Joe Love.

Mrs. George Newell was the organist for the evening and is choir leader for the Halton choir.

A three-hour following the church service was held in the new Christian Education building.

Joe Love began the session with a sing-song. Duets by Ruth and Rose, Break on guitars, and Ruth and Wilma Mason on the accordion and guitar, were enjoyed by all.

Earl Burt Sings

Another highlight of the program was the singing of a new member of the Acton Junior Farmers, Earl Burt.

Provincial President John Elliott gave a short talk on the Junior Farmer organization, its aims, its many programs to provide leadership training to the young people, its social activities, and the exchange trips to be won.

Following this, Joy conducted an induction service for the new Junior Farmer members for the year. This is the first year this plan has been put into effect and it is planned that it will be a part of the Fireside Hour in future years.

Prize Winners

The choir sang the competitive pieces that won them first place at the Toronto Conference in January, as well as two other numbers.

The evening ended with an orchestra, made up of the Mayors, Breaks and Earl Burt, leading the people in a sing-song.

Many Canadians first got telephone service when country doctors built small systems so local people could summon medical help. Many of the small systems still exist, some still known by the names of the doctors who installed them.

Sugar and Spice...

BY BILL BAILEY

Does going to church improve your golf score? Do you put the good side out or in when you build a fence on your property? How many people attend evening service at church? Why do women live longer than men?

I don't know how you spend Sunday, these fine spring days, but I got the answer to these questions, and a few others, last Sunday.

Went to church Sunday morning and was early, for once. It was twenty to eleven when I arrived, and it's usually eight minutes later than that.

The reason was that I was on hand to teach Bible Class, which begins at quarter to ten. You guessed it. The Smileys, for about the tenth year in a row, had forgotten to join the swing to Daylight Saving Time.

Took advantage of the extra time to line up golf game with fellow pillar of congregation.

Let's Play Bridge

By Bill Coats

For a mid week game of bridge this last week I journeyed to Port Credit and joined their game. The results were not good but one interesting hand did arise during the evening. I would like to present this hand as an example of the necessity to plan the play and also as an end play.

I don't recall the board number but North-South were vulnerable and the dealer was South.

North
S-J 9 8 4
H-A J 6 3
D-K 8 7 5 3
C-Void

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

South
S-A K 7
H-K 10 8 7 4
D-9
C-K 3 2

The bidding:
South West North East
4H 2C 2D 3C
Pass Pass 3H 4C
4H Dbl. All Pass

I was quite willing to bid four hearts after hearing my partner raise hearts and after listening to the opposition bid clubs. I was sure that my partner had no more than one club.

The opening lead was the spade six, ducked in dummy, 10 from East and I won with the ace. I could ruff clubs in dummy but I would not be able to get to my own hand again. I decided to take out trump and finessed West for the trump queen. His double gave that away.

After three rounds of trump, I ended up in dummy. I was sure the spade finesse would work but why bother? A spade to the king and a low spade back straddled East with the lead. Any return must benefit me.

A diamond would set up dummy's king. A club lead would let me make my king. East made the best return — a spade. I threw away a diamond and won the spade in dummy. Now a low diamond from dummy and no matter who wins, I lose only one more trick. Actually, West won with the ace and led a club. I ruffed in dummy and got rid of a club on the diamond king. Four hearts doubled, made four, losing a spade, a diamond and a club.

If East wins the diamond with the queen, then East will end played. A club lead allows the king to make; a diamond lead will let South throw off a club and sets up dummy's king. Only a spade lead would be any good and fortunately, East had thrown a spade when trumps were played.

In a difficult contract, often the opponents will make good leads for you. In your plan of the hand, consider whether you can lose tricks to the opponents at a time when they must make a favorable lead for you.

This week's winners were: first, Earl Enaud, Duke Wilson; second, Mrs. K. Campbell, Glenn Banks; third, Mrs. F. Sullivan, Mrs. B. McCullough.

Answer to question 1: No, I can't understand it, but going to church doesn't improve your golf. This other good Anglican and I took on a couple of Presbyterian who admitted they'd missed morning service. They licked us badly.

Home at 4 p.m. Sat in chair in sun in yard, licking golf wounds.

Wife appears. Glares around yard. Looks neatly at me, then at half-raked leaves, half-baked dog who meows everywhere, cat who climbs screens on kitchen door and ruins it, huge branch of oak tree lying across flower beds, fence leaning towards us at 45 degrees.

She tells me we've got to have a new fence. It'll cost hundreds of dollars. I produce a diversion. Ask her whether we'll put good side of fence in or out. She says no. I say everybody does. She says, "You crazy. I say, calmly, she's right."

Leap in car to inspect fences all over town. Some face in, others out. Nobody will give in. She gets sure I give in. But I'm telling you right here, answer to question 2: Depends on whether you want to look at the nice side of your fence or want your neighbors to see it.

Urgent call during dinner. Sidesman needed for evening.

service. Can't think quickly. Agree reluctantly. Get to church. Not a pillar in sight. Not a singer. Not a choir member. Three altar boys, rector on the job. Congregation is me. Got the works, including sermon. Answer to question 3.

But rector told a good story later. One elderly cattle farmer turned up, once, for evening service. Preacher said, kindly, "Since you're the only one here, perhaps we'll dispense with the sermon."

Farmer says, "Well, if I loaded the whole wagon with feed, and only one old cow turned up, I think I'd feed her." Preacher agreed it was good logic. Went through entire service, including old bear sermon.

When it could be asked farmer what he thought pastor preached, "Well, if I loaded the whole wagon with feed and only one cow turned up to be fed, I don't think I'd dump the whole wagon in front of her."

And the answer to the last question: Why do women live longer than men? Taint original but I like it. "Because they don't have wives."

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Westbound
7:37 a.m. (Daily except Sat., Sun. & Hol.); 10:27 a.m.; 12:57 p.m.; 2:57 p.m.; 5:27 p.m.; 7:12 p.m.; 9:12 p.m.; 11:32 p.m.; 1:02 a.m. (Sat. only).

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