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AY UPPER CANADA VILLAGE, tombstones from flooded villages have been collected, mounted in coment and used to wall rose gardens. There are several sections of the gardone, similar to this one which frames the spire of the old church in the village. The tombstones recalled Acton's Proneer cemetery, where this year on Decoration Day shrubs will be planted as a lasting memorial.

# All Fired Up ...

Just how hot an issue is this Red Ensign? We can sell you - it's plenty hot. Anyway, it set the Free Press on fire!

While a Rappole was being erected friday to show our feelings on the matter, the roof nearby suddenly took fire, and ominout smale puffed up the new standard. There were fire extinguishers there, and a

ready party of patriots at hand to put it out. But what started it? True, the man at work on the pole was seen with a blowforch in his hand. But is that the whole story? Is the F.L.Q. pervading Ontario towns and cen-

tres, in alphabetical order? Beware, Ajaxl Aux Armes, Alton! Rally round, Amherstburgi

We toured town Victoria Day counting Red Ensigns, and there were more than ever. The Legion has had some orders, too. Just one householder had clipped the proposed new flag from a newspaper and stuck it to a door.

That people are thinking about the issue and making their own decision is excellent. But although flags cost as little as a dime, the majority didn't have one,

# He Asked for It . . .

Saturday morning a man said to us, "Be sure and mantion me in your newspaper", and while we seldom write personal ediforials, our nod to that man prompts us to sit down long enough to write this one. He was a tour director of sorts, telling tourists about certain villages and rural homes, including his own house. But the sites were all underwater, and he steered his power launch right overtop of his former home.

We were touring by water the flooded area of the St. Lawrence Seaway Saturday morning, from a marina near Morrisburg. Together aboard were officers of the Ontario Weekly Newspapers Association and their wives - about 20 of us.

Several of the editors lived near the seaway - at Chesterville, Prescott and Winchester - and they watched the whole vast project from its inception. Villages were moved, bridges built and islands constructed before the day the dams began operation and the water started rising, so that in one day the whole new panorama was excitingly visible.

One of these men said there was some unhappiness at uprooting United Empire Loyalist families who had been there for generations, but when somebody really checked, there were only three or four families left whose ancestors fled the U.S. "They make a big fuss about this land now," he confided, "but didn't do much with it when they had

Typical of the change: a rise in old number 2 highway to Montreal, gaping up from the water for only about 30 feet of its length, the white line still there, indicating "No Passing!"

The editors' party toured Upper Canada Village in the afternoon, were entertained in the village quest house and at dinner in the inn after the area had closed at night.

Upper Canada Village, the brilliant conception of the Ontario Government, comprises some 40 representative homes and build-

ings that might have been found in a typical river village. For the most part, these buildings were rescued from the flooding that ensued with the construction of the St. Lawrence Seaway and removed to their present site of the sloping banks of Lake St. Law-

.Faithfully reconstructed to mirror the life of Ontario's pioneer era (1784-1867) the village is a masterpiece of accuracy and detail, down to the last hand-forged spike. Perhaps its most distinctive feature is that everything works in this living museum: the woollen mill, over a hundred years old, processes wool and weaves it into soft blankers which may be purchased by the visitor; the 1840 saw-mill cuts logs into planks; crisp loaves are baked in Willard's Hotel bake house. The blacksmith, cabinetmaker and weaver go about their work in the authentic surroundings of their trade.

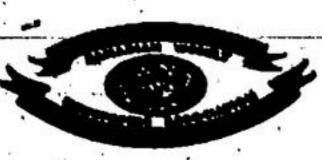
The roads are plank or dirt, and transportation is by horse-drawn vehicle, ox-cart, or by bateau on the canal. The utmost care has been taken to preserve the atmosphere of an earlier day in every facet of "Village"

Upper Canada Village is set in Chrysler Farm Battlefield Park, 2,000 acres of beautifully landscaped tribute to the soldiers and settlers of early Canada. As well as being a magnificent tribute to the past, the Park is a recreational area of great variety.

Chrysler Farm Battlefield Park is the largest of 14 serviced parks under the jurisdiction of the St. Lawrence Parks Commission, the editors toured them with the director,) Ozzie Dalzell, whose wife was in the RCAF and asked to be remembered to Mr. and Mrs. Monte Root of Rockwood, Included among their many attractions are camping, trailer and picnic sites, beaches, waterfowl sanctuary, boat launching ramps and scenic

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# THE GOOD OLD DAYS

## 20 YEARS AGO

Taken from the issue of the Free Proce, Thursday, May 11, 1944. Winners of the \$25 and \$10 War Saving certificates in Acton and District Sixth Victory Loan Blitz Bomb Contest were both employees of the Canadian Wool Company Limited. Chairman Amos Mason presented the first award to W. Struthers and the second award to B. M. Morris just outside the plant on Tuesday morning.

Mr. Struthers' estimate when the half-way mark would he reached was right on the minute. Submitting estimates within 15 minutes of the right time were Mrs. Albert McCut cheon, Gordon Hansen, Jacqueline Currie, H. Thorarinson, Mrs. W. Everdell, Audrey Grischow and H. N. Farmer. It required two weeks to reach \$112,500 and there are only live days to dup ficate the same work, Invest to your limit.

Evidence that Acton Murray Memorial YMCA & going stronger each year and filling an important place in commun ity life was to be found in the reports and enthusiasm at the annual meeting last Thursday at Mr. W. J. Beatty, president of the board, was in charge Cards were enjoyed by the crowd for the first hour.

Prizes for being just plain lucky went to George Hollinger and Mrs. Charles Heard, Mr M. Schroeder presented the treasurer's report and the report of the card room. Mr. R. R. Parker gave the report of the building and property committee and Mr. E. S. Force of the special features and membership commiller.

The membership last year was 302 - the highest in the history of the Acton Y. Mr. George Mason gave the program committee report and Mrs. Johnny Gray, supervisor, gave a detailed sur vey of activities. Quite extensive alterations will create a men's lounge and a ladies' room and more space for spectators to watch the gymnasium activities, The basement will include washrooms, kitchen and assembly room. Cost is about \$3,500

This broad plan for the future is based on nine years of operations and experience. Directors elected to the board were J. W. Wolfe, G. Rognvaldson and J.

Greer. Born: To Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Currie, a son.

#### **50 YEARS AGO**

Tuken from the lasue of the Free Press, Thursday, May 14, 1914. The news passed quickly that Mr. John Williams had passed

trips with travellers of various ox unations.

He assisted the late Joseph A. Speight, the well known under taker, in removing the remains of many persons Inside a large radius from Acton to their last testing place. Many severe trips were made in this capacity in inclement weather and bad roads. He conveyed the mails to and from Acton Post Office and station during most of his resi dence here, as well as doing a general passenger business

ton council in 1893 and reeve in 1901 and was on the school board. He was twice married. With the death of his second wife seven years ago, he was left with a family of two girls and three boys in tender years Miss Lillian has attended to the at lairs of the home Young Tred has attended to his father's business Miss Lillian has been for some time organist of the Presbyterian church.

And thus, good and useful citizens of our little town are being gathered to the Fairview hill. Forty of our business houses have agreed, commencing June 2, to close their respective business places every Tuesday afternoon and evening for the sum

Harold Wiles' new ice cream parlor is an attractive spot. The decorations are quite city-

Ladies and other passers by are submitted to severe examinations by congregations on street corners, and often positive insuft.

The town planning movement in Canada has come to stay and will have to be jeckoned with. At Ballinafad, Mr. F. Shortid is digging out a cellar prior to building a residence this sum-

inspector's call?

away. He was born in Nassayaweva 67 years ago, lived for some years in Erin village and temoved to Acton in 1887, taking over the livery stable business and property, where he has re mained these 27 years. As a lov eryman, he was well known all over this region, making many

He became a member of Ac

Are you ready for the sanitary

# AROUND

MILTON - Reactivation of discussions on a suffrance ware- D-J 108632 house for Milton was promised Milton Chamber of Commerce offi- C-A 8 4 cials in Ottawa last week, by Dr. Harry Harley, Halton M.P. The Chamber feels that a suffrance warehouse here would benefit local industries, many of which have asked for customs facilities - and it would be a definite selling point for prospective industries,

OAKVILLE - A recent study by the Oakville Planning Board reveals the town will probably have a population of 145,000 by 1985, if the present rate of population increase continues. Also forecast by the study was the establishment of fewer, but larger industries in the town.

BRAMPTON - A six-year-old Brampton resident, Bradley Grose, has a knack for making things and his most recent project has been a radio, which he discovered how to make in an encyclopedia his grandmother gave him for Christmas. Bradley is a grade one student at Northwood School.

BURLINGTON - Eaton's has negotiated a contract with Cambridge Leaseholds during the last few days, concerning the giant department store's possible location in the proposed regional shopping centre here. Because of an intensive study carried on by a market research firm, it was evident that 80 per cent of Burlington's shopping dollar is now being lost to Hamilton. However it is thought that 60 per cent of this 80 per cent dollar loss, of a particular type of merchandise, would be pulled back through the location of such a shop-

WATERDOWN - A hole six feet deep developed in the north bound lane on Main Street recently, but luckily no cars were damaged. A pedestrian noticed what appeared to be a pothole and went to investigate. A nudge with his shoe was all the roadway needed to fall through into the six foot hole. According to local road construction contractor Stan Carson, the red clay file covering an underground stream probably gave way some time ago. High water then eroded the earth above the hole until it finally worked its way to the surface.

### He Asked for It

(Continued from Editorial) drives. These parks, stretching from Adolphustown on the Bay of Quinte, to Lancaster, near the Quebec border, opened concurrently with Upper Canada Village,

did Old Fort Henry at King-Bolton editor Werden Leavens. a director of Pioneer Village at Toronto, and the Halton museum board member couldn't help make ing comparisons and enthusiasm for their own projects in-

creased. Sunday morning the group had brunch in a nearby motel at 10. We personally were so interested in the village we went back for an hour or so beforehand. It was during this last charge through the buildings we had missed we encountered a costumed woman spinning who knew "Acton" as the place where "the man makes spinning wheels." She had a clipping and picture of the late John Rognyaldson with. her. She was pleased to hear his son and granddaughter were carintended to get a copy of last license.

week's Globe, in which their pieture appeared, to add it to her

Next came a tour of the hydro power project at Cornwall. place is especially arranged for tourist viewing, and the tours are

# Law Restricts Air Gun Use

Far from being a mere toy, the teen-ager's air gun is regarded by the law as a firearm, and as such, is subject to the same rules \_my cannot be over-ruffed.

as apply to Dad's moose rifle. The criminal code states that no person under the age of .14 years may possess an air gun without a special permit the Provincial or Municipal Police. Few of these permits are

Hunting laws under the Game and Fish Act apply to hunting with air guns, as well as other types of firearms and they may not be used for hunting except rying on the family tradition, and under the authority of a hunting

This work I'm supposed to circule to our honor students and their parents, at a banquet. Dull topic: "Gand Reading Hubits."

Cholce of speaker was a hill urious place of miscusting. think I can state, not proudly, but with little four of contradiction that my personal read ing habite are the mint street tenn in Camula, maybe the

Thurty five years ago, my muchwas saving unchantly, "Billy Smike you'll be blind before venite 15 if you don't stop read my in dark cornerel"

Well, I aln't blind yet, and I'm still reading in dark conners. Not to mention bright corners, on trains, planes and ships, in bathrooms, libraries and restaurants, before breakfast and after going to bed. walking to work or watching television.

By the time I was ten, I had barreled through the Rover Boys, the form Swift series, the Horalso Alger pap, and was gnawing on the massive historical nevels by G. A. Henry By 15, I had

#### Lot's Play Bridge By BIH Coats

Th splie of the holiday and the beautiful weather, the Acton Bridge Club met as \ usuar last Monday night. Twelve keen bridge players were present and just to show how far people will come for a bridge game, I'll list where they were from. There were four from George. town, three from Acton, two from Brampton, two from Toronto and one from Campbell-

Although the action was furious, as usual, there were not too many hands that contained instructive points. One hand, however, did catch my attention. It brings up an old point If you are going to try and get away with something, then do it

This is Board No. 3. East-West are vulnerable and the dealer was North.

#### North S-A K Q 8 5 11-10 7 5 3 D-7 4 C-10 2

Fast S-J 9 4 3 H-964 D-A 5 C-9653

> South S-7 2 H-KQJ2

D-K Q 9 C-KQJ7

The bidding: West South East 1 11 Pass Pass Pass Pass

3 NT

All Pass

Pass

West opens the diamond jack - correct from the sequence J 10 8 and East wins. A dow diamond from East and South wins with the queen. There are three spade tricks more if they break, three hearts, two diamonds and three clubs - a total of 11. But before these are claimed. South must lose the lead twice and the opponents will establish their diamonds.

What I suggest is that one trick must be stolen before the opponents get together. If South leads a low club, most Wests will duck. Now, with one club trick in, declarer can establish the heart suit. West wins the heart ace and knocks out South's last diamond, but declarer is home with three spades. three hearts, two diamonds and a stolen club.

I imagine that some of you are wondering why I don't suggest that the hand be played in hearts. Actually, as it is, four hearts can be made, but when my partner and I defended, it was set. I led the diamond jack, East won and returned a diamolid. Declarer led a heart to

dummy's 10, and a heart back. won and led a third diamond - dummy ruffed but East over-ruffed. A club lead now set the contract. South was careless, of course, in playing hearts towards dummy. A high heart should be led from South's hand and now the 10 of hearts in dum-

This week's winners were: first, Mrs. K. A. Coats and Bill Coats; -second, - Earl - Emond - and Mike Lorusso; third, Jack Coats and Duke Wilson.

#### KEEPING UP

The downger was curious about the actions of her maid. Laura. why do you take home our empty avocado hulls with you? Laura: They make my garbage look so

#### urbbled Zane Grey and Max Brand, slong with most of the

detective stories wullable. At about 16, I was devouring books, historical, political, travel and biographical, with wild swinging excursions into the fution of Dukens and Defor, For and Proust, at the rate of about one and a half volumes a

Then came the acquaintance with Hemingway, Thomas Wolfe and Evelyn Wangh, with heroes hannied, wild and solisticated Heady stuff for a teen ager. Then cattle the war

While other pilots played cards, or caked about the girl they met in the pub last night,

The real brack fieral, less bevond recall, never reads anything remailed connected with real life, so it is being lived He's a

If he lives on the prairies, he reads almost the war or meantain climbing. If he lives in a fishing village, he reds westerns. If he's a stry two to reads alwait hold man II be . a detective by ready byce stor. ics. If he's making history he reads comaine If he a in the middle of a love affair, he reads war nevels.

addict will sink pretty low, when

musey runs out. They will lie and chest and steal to get the yeards. The alcy will drink sheving lotion, rubby-dub, or put a tin of canned heat through a loof of bread to get a smash. The drug addict will rewet to armed robbery to obtain a fix.

This is kid stuff. A book hend, when cut off from source es, will sink to umpeakable degradation. It begins when he picks up discarded news papers. Next thing you know he's avidly perusing public vigns, match busies, and empty trestiquete tubes

But that's only the begining. One day to Algiers, just after the war. I met an old all lince fracted a Sikh, from India He was a bresk frend as I knew Own buck at his redrimmed value the antennessed it. He was lead they the end lade by the france!

Asked turn where he was gre ory when the man Tretters rad the as the spid weeker the Aut total ties was to the their market I arera and you there to covered test ! can't help it I grate gerie

I heard later be got \$19 for The alcoholic and the drug her. Or, to put it in realistic terms - U pucket maels.

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