

Steaming Along



Editorial Page

ONE OF THE MANY attractions in the Rockwood Fun Fair Carnival parade on June 20 will be Walter Hunt and his home-made steam engine. Mr. Hunt has constructed this himself and it will be chugging smoothly along with the parade.

Family Conference...

When Governor-General and Mrs. Vanier chose to sponsor the Canadian Conference on the Family, they were motivated by the vast changes taking place in the concept of the family and the difficulties family life faces in times of change.

General Vanier said at one point about the need for such a conference that:

"Our day is one of confusion in which standards and spiritual values tend to be submerged by technical and economic progress. It is vital that a great effort be made at once to establish the stability and welfare of the family in modern terms."

Dr. Philippe Garigue, dean of Social Sciences at University of Montreal, a major speaker at the conference, pointed up one of the marks of "confusion" when he said that family life in the United States is no longer considered an institution.

He emphasized one of the "modern terms" when he said that the American family gives priority to the individual, rather than the group, an attitude based on the equality of the sexes and the right of the individual to determine and satisfy his needs. The man's role, under these circumstances,

becomes one of economic support and of influence, rather than the final authority in moments of decision. The mother becomes the operational centre of the family.

Perhaps he chose to make his most pointed remarks about American family life because, as was remarked by Prof. Frederick Elkin, a U. of M. sociologist, "there is a desperate shortage of information on Canadian family life". And Prof. Elkin should know, for it was his task to collect existing material on the subject for the conference.

A great deal of good may come out of the conference originally put forward by Canada's first family. At the very least, it will add to the country's knowledge of its family life, as it resulted in hundreds of minds being put to work on the problem at the same time. At the most it might drive home to individual families the increasing stresses that are being exerted in family life, and motivate them to institute some checks and balances within their own family circle.

There will be little unanimity on some of the major points brought up by delegates, but a start will have been made that could lead to the "positive action and progress" that the Vaniers hope for.

indicative of a phase of conservation that is evident in the Kelso Conservation Area. It is quite true that the recreational facilities of picnicking, swimming, skiing, skating, camping and other features are evident, but it must not be forgotten that these are by-products of the original concept of the Kelso Dam.

It has also provided the location of Halton's Museum. The availability of a suitable site in the area made it possible to develop the county's foremost museum and this is proving quite an interesting attraction for those from Halton as well as an opportunity to "conserve" those items which have historical applications in the development of the county.

All in all, the development of the Kelso Conservation Area makes a definite contribution to the basic purposes of conservation as well as the by-products of recreation.

The development has not been without its problems, nor will its continuing operation. Total cost of the project has been high and it is unfortunate that the long-range benefits to many people in a variety of ways cannot be neatly balanced off against the expenditure to prove or disprove the project's value.

Perhaps the best summation is in the words of the inscription on the plaque to be unveiled on Saturday that say "Where there is no vision, the people perish".

THE GOOD OLD DAYS

20 YEARS AGO

Taken from the issue of the Free Press, Thursday, June 8, 1944.
D-Day arrived Tuesday when British, American and Canadian troops landed on the Normandy coast of France.

It would have been heartening to the boys overseas to have seen the congregation which filled the auditorium of Knox church on Tuesday night in a service of prayer for their success on invasion day and the hard days ahead. That grand old psalm used as an opening hymn seemed to be the prayer of all, "God Our Help in Ages Past."

A parade of organizations was led by the Boys' Band from the town hall to the church. In it were the Lakeside and Duke of Devonshire chapters of the I.O. D.E. members of the Acton branch of the Canadian Legion, Acton platoon of the Lorne Scouts, and the Boy Scouts.

The ministers taking part were Rev. Forbes Thomson, Rev. A. W. Fosbury and Rev. W. H. Wallace. There was a combined choir with Mr. F. Salt at the organ. As the closing hymn, "Eternal Father, Strong to Save" rolled out, it took on the prayerful, steady spirit of the meeting.

We join with friends here and especially throughout Nassagaweya, in extending birthday greetings to Mr. John Marshall on the occasion of his 91st birthday. He was clerk of Nassagaweya for over 25 years.

Force Electric Products are beginning a new addition to their building for boiler room space.

Mason Knitting Company Limited are adding a new drying room to their plant and have also added additional knitting machines this week.

Currently, we are not allowed to publish arrivals of soldiers overseas, so any items submitted must be left out.

Mr. George Benton is making extensive renovations to his house and business on Mill St. He is having the whole building brick veneered.

IAC Garnet McKenzie, Lieut. R. M. Storey, Gnr. Gordon Beattie, Writer F. J. Harrop, Sgt. and Mrs. Clarence Kentner have been visiting here.

Fred Hamilton, Rockwood, one of the best known and highly regarded of our highway overseers, died suddenly on Monday. He was at work just east of Acton when he was stricken.

50 YEARS AGO

Taken from the issue of the Free Press, Thursday, June 11, 1914.
Miss Howie has tendered her resignation as assistant teacher in the continuation department.

Miss Pearl Z. Baker of Melbourne, who is highly recommended by Inspector Mills, was engaged to fill the vacancy at the same salary as Miss Howie, viz. \$400. Miss Veda McPherson was engaged at a salary of \$500. The secretary was instructed to advertise for two teachers holding Normal School certificates to fill the vacancies caused by the retirement of Misses Polley and Watson at salaries of \$500 each.

The students of the Continuation School held a picnic in Mr. William Brown's grove last Friday evening.

The chairman of the town hall committee will earn the gratitude of citizens if this year he will secure more adequate seating accommodation, place matting on the stairways and secure a new stage curtain to replace the one which has been in service for nearly a quarter of a century.

A pretty wedding took place at the home of the bride's parents on June 3 when Sarah Jane Anderson was united in marriage to Mr. William Gilbertson. At the appointed time, the bridal party entered the parlor to the strains of the Wedding March played by Miss Rena Sherwood and took their places under an arch of evergreens and flowers.

The bride looked charming in a gown of silk embroidered, voile, bridal veil and orange blossoms. She carried bridal roses and lily-of-the-valley. Little Miss Nella Wilson made a pretty flower girl. About 90 guests retired to the dining room where a sumptuous wedding tea was served. The bride was the recipient of many useful and costly presents. The bride's travelling suit was of Alice blue cloth and white hat with tangle flowers and butterfly bow. They left amid showers of rice and best wishes. On their return, they will reside in Eden Mills.

A. M. Nielsen, chiropractor—75 per cent of operations are unnecessary since the discovery of chiropractic.

The new buildings at the sole leather tanneries are nearing completion. They are very extensive and will be much more convenient in operation.

Sugar and Spice...

BY BILL SAILEY

Probably the biggest piece of pure poppycock on our calendar is the Sunday in June designated as Father's Day.

It is almost as silly as celebrating the birthday of Queen Victoria (on the nearest Monday), or adopting that pretty, but uninspiring thing, the maple leaf, as our flag symbol.

That's because, like queen's birthdays and flags, fathers are anachronisms, things that belong to the dead past of empires and gallantry and family solidarity.

The empire has disappeared the flag has become something to quibble about, and fathers have turned into cartoon characters.

We have become increasingly a mother dominated society. But in trying to prove that Mom doesn't have clay feet, we have casually accepted the theory that father has a dough head.

The word "father" is never used any more, as a term of address. The only place it crops up is in sociological and psychological terms, such as "father image" or "father figure".

It's been a wild swing of the pendulum, and it is a sad and bitter thing, this degradation from Father to Daddy, but I can't help pointing out that we have brought it upon ourselves, chaps.

CHURCHILL

Holiday Outings Start in June

There will be a special baptismal service in Churchill Church on Sunday, June 21, when several children will be baptised.

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Fred Spears on the gift of a baby boy on Friday, June 12.

Mr. and Mrs. G. Malby spent a week in the northern district and called on a few friends and relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. Ron Saunders spent the weekend touring through Haliburton district and Algonquin Park.

Mrs. Anthe Kerr accompanied her sister, Mrs. E. M. Buck of Georgetown, and spent the week at their cottage at Fenelon Falls.

Mr. and Mrs. Norman Turner joined the staff of the M. J. Bennett school and friends on their annual holiday weekend at Pine Lodge, Port Stanley. The weather was beautiful and a fine time was enjoyed by all.

Mrs. Don Anderson and Mrs. Archie Kerr attended the wedding of Dr. Peter Ross of South St. Marie and Miss Frederika La Salle of London in Worthley Baptist church in London on Saturday, June 14.

Mr. and Mrs. William McCall and son Denton of Collingwood visited with the Kerr family on Sunday.

Anniversary
Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Elton Cole, who celebrated their Golden Wedding Anniversary on Sunday, June 14, at their daughter's home Mr. and Mrs. D. Mason, Acton.

Raymond Braida Medical Degree



DR. RAYMOND BRAIDA

Raymond Louis Braida, 24-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Abele Braida, received his degree of Doctor of Medicine from the University of Toronto Medical School at graduation exercises held at Convocation Hall on Wednesday, June 17. Mr. and Mrs. Braida and the rest of the family attended the graduation exercises and the reception following. Dr. Braida attended Acton Public and High Schools, as well as the Guelph Collegiate, before attending the University of Toronto Medical School. He will be interning for the next year at St. Michael's Hospital in Toronto.

NEWS FROM AROUND THE DISTRICT

GEORGETOWN — Purchase of the Cedarvale School for Girls' property as a future recreational and cultural centre may be Georgetown's 1967 centennial project. A centennial committee, which hopes to have Esqueping Township share in the plans, discussed acquisition of property and plans to have all information available for a meeting tonight (Thursday).

BURLINGTON — The town's longest-established night club and restaurant, The Brant Inn, has been sold to a Toronto concern which plans to add a motor hotel, marina and swimming pool to the existing facilities which are now fully licensed. Much of the present facilities will remain essentially the same, with perhaps a little refurbishing. The new owners will continue the Inn's reputation for bringing in top-flight entertainers and even mentioned that arrangements had already been made for the return of Louis Armstrong.

BRAMPTON — Increased safety measures for the diversion channel spillway near Wellington St. E. will be sought by council following a statement by councillor Cecil Corbett that "we mustn't have another casualty there". Two youngsters have been drowned and four have been pulled out since the diversion was built in 1950. Councillor Bill Brydon said the conservation authority is planning further channel improvement which might eliminate the spillway pool.

MILTON — The \$55,000 community swimming pool in Rotary Park will be opened sometime during the week of June 21, summer recreation director Bob Browning announced. The rigid water restrictions that are being enforced throughout the town have made it impossible to fill the pool, but water pumping will begin soon.

OAKVILLE — Any endeavor that brings Oakville national or international recognition will be acknowledged by the mayor of Oakville with a small token of appreciation. The decision was made after discussion on the need of a clear policy to be followed by town council when Oakville residents win a sports championship or are otherwise honored.

LIMEHOUSE

Items of Interest in Limehouse Area.

Communion services will be held at Limehouse Presbyterian Church on June 21 at 9:30 a.m.

W.M.S. Meeting
The W.M.S. met at the home of Mrs. A. C. Patterson on Thursday evening, June 10. Scripture was read by Mrs. Mills and Mrs. Kirkpatrick led in prayer.

Mrs. Crichton, assisted by Mrs. Mills, treated the study chapter as a radio broadcast from mission areas on the field in India. Upright was the text word answered in a verse of Scripture. The hostess served lunch afterwards.

Items of Interest
Mrs. John McLaughlin is consulting at home since Sunday following surgery in Georgetown hospital a couple of weeks ago.

Congratulations to Mr. William Cohoon who has passed his third year in medicine at University of Toronto.

Greetings to Mrs. Angus McDonald, 83rd birthday last week. She had Sunday dinner with her twin great grandchildren on their birth-

day at Mr. and Mrs. Robert McDonald's in Georgetown.

From Holland
Mr. and Mrs. H. Swinkles and Miss Rick Swinkles of Beck en Dam, Holland, arrived by plane on Saturday evening to visit their son and brother Mr. John Swinkles, and his wife and children here.

Mrs. Harold Hunt and children of Toronto, and Mr. and Mrs. Calvin McDonald and Ronnie of Elmwood visited Mr. and Mrs. Kirkpatrick a week ago.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Benton joined the teacher and friends of M. J. Bennett Public School, Acton, on a weekend holiday at Port Sydney. They also visited friends at Port Carling on Sunday afternoon.

Little David Turner of Churchill spent the weekend with Miss Joy Patterson.

Wedding
Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Patterson were guests at the wedding of her cousin, Mr. Barry McKeown and Miss Margaret Eaton in St. Stephen's United Church, Burlington and the reception following in the Estaminet on Saturday.

How to stop smoking: Carry wet matches.

The Trojans opened the gates and dragged in that big wooden horse. The Arab let the camel stick his nose into the tent, to keep warm. Father achieved the same end by relinquishing the purse-strings to that brave, little woman with a heart of gold and a will of iron — Mom.

Next he began to listen to a lot of third-rate type, mostly in the form of articles in women's magazines. Thus, he fell prey to such clap-trap as "family togetherness", and "being a pal" to his children, and "talking things out" with his wife.

Then under the bullying of his wife and the relentless heckling of his children, he took principles for possessions, and happily hopped aboard the treadmill of proving that he could bring home as much bacon as the poor, harassed, coronary-bound character next door.

Staying like a pit pony, and attacked for it by his family, he was still expected to help with the dishes, mow the lawn, entertain at parties arranged by his wife, and drive 300 miles on the weekend to visit relatives.

Thus, the comfortable paunch which was a measure of Father's success became Dad's belly, a sign that he wasn't doing his job. Thus, Father's ominous look and cuff on the ear became Daddy's whine that he would cut off the allowance. Thus Father's majestic carving of the family roast became Dad's inept spooning out of the meatballs smothered in canned mushroom soup.

Not a pretty picture? Right. What are you going to do about it, Jack? Will you join me in trying to convert dithering Daddy into fearless Father?

Shall we grow beards, get rid of the blubber, pound the kids once a week, and tell the old lady we're going fishing when we darn well feel like it?

What's that? You agree, and you'll join in the movement on Monday, but right now you have to help Mom do the shopping? All right. Don't say you weren't asked.

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