

"Where To Go"

THE GOOD OLD DAYS

Sugar and Spice ...

BY BILL SMILEY

50 YEARS AGO

Taken from the issue of the Free Press of Thursday, July 2, 1914.

The excitement of the general election almost put Dominion Day out of mind.

The Guelphers of this district will celebrate at Milton this year.

A band of Gypsies were camped on the shores of Corporation Pond last week.

The new railings in the Main Street bridge are being set in substantial cement and stone foundations.

Mr. John Black, an aged retired farmer living in Guelph, but who spent most of his life on the farm, lot 6, town line, Eramosa, died from heart failure on Monday evening.

There were reports that Mr. Carter's committee rooms when they were checked, and without a moment's warning he fell on the floor and expired.

Company No. 6 arrived home from a strenuous 12 days in camp on Friday evening.

The Oddfellows Hall, which was damaged by fire when the Saxe Stone was burned, has been restored and will be reopened on Tuesday evening.

Dr. Nixon, the member for Halton, was elected to a majority over Fisher of 524.

Born - McWilliams - At Cottage Hospital, High River, Alberta, on Wednesday, June 17, 1914, to Mr. and Mrs. Albert McWilliams, a daughter.

Married - Johnston Gray - At the residence of the bride's parents, Erin, on Wednesday, June 24, 1914, by Rev. Dr. M. Arthur, Basil Johnston, son of the late Robert Johnston to Katie, daughter of W. Y. Gray, all of Erin.

20 YEARS AGO

Taken from the issue of the Free Press of Thursday, June 27, 1944.

The invasion brought its sadness to two homes in Acton when the news came last week that Gunner John Peter Sweeney had been killed in action on June 9th and Rifleman Sydney Fields was reported wounded in action on June 10th.

The news of the death of Gnr. Sweeney was received on June 15th by his wife, the former Nora Snyder of Guelph, who lives on Main St., Acton, with their two little children, Brian and Diana.

The day following the news of Jack's death his sister Mary passed away at their home in Toronto. Jack came to Acton as a lad and received his education at Acton public and continuation schools.

The same day word came to Mr. and Mrs. George Fields, River St., that their son, Rifleman Sydney Fields was officially reported wounded. Later word has come that his right hand was injured and required amputation below the wrist.

Parents and citizens are pleased to learn that the cases of infantile paralysis are mild and the victims are making satisfactory progress in Toronto Hospitals.

Neighbors and friends gathered at the home of Mrs. J. E. Gibbons on the occasion of her 80th birthday and presented her with a beautiful bedspread.

NEWS FROM AROUND THE DISTRICT

BURLINGTON - Two Burlington coin collectors have just realized that the 1962 off-struck penny owned by one of them may be worth \$5,000.

GEORGETOWN - Georgetown will have the most modern stop signal system in Canada installed at the downtown "four corners" in August.

BRAMPTON - Peel County's bulldocks have been condemned to death by Peel County councillors. It was decided to brand the plant a "noxious weed" and add its name to the list of those which must be destroyed.

MILTON - A lightning bolt struck a tree, travelled across a clothes line and set fire to the back porch of his Walker's line, Burlington home.

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Ralph Bevan, Billy Cushman, Linda Davis, Verma Fisher, Robb Frame, Marion Frank, Helene Gauthier, Ivan Hearty, Terry Hurrett, Lenora Jensen, Ben Knapp, Martha Long, Sylvia Macneil, Rocky McCarron, Ronald McIsaac, Susan McPhail, Lynda McTrash, Dixie Overland, Jeter Ribble, Robert Robinson, Peter Schupp, Curtis Shubert, Donald Shubert, Terrence Slaven, Elaine Stanley, Kathy Stokes, Brett Taitton, Elizabeth Thomson, John Verbeek, Nancy Watters.

TO GRADE 3
Nancy Brown, John Collerton, Bradley Cripps, Robert Gibbs, Marlene Hume, Deborah Hurrett, Murray Jensen, Shirley Josque, Valerie Ann Mitchell, Dorothy Newton, Keith Parry, Lynda Savers, Susan Schupp, Denise Shubert, Jan Stachyra, Bert Venema, Deborah Wilson.

TO GRADE 4
Sharon Barber, Heike Bollert, Paul Broughton, Judy Brown, Diane Charette, Peter Cripps, Joyce Denny, Sherry Douglas, Gary Fisher, Gordon Frank, Gordon Gish, Susan Hurrett, Ruth Kirkwood, Joanne Koks, Andrea Kramer, Neil Overland, Margaret Robinson, Richard Stachyra, Tim Stanley, Shirley Stokes, Ivy Ann Stull, Janice Swackhamer, Rubve Taylor, Valerie Tindale, Lillian Venema, Jennie Verbeek, Judy Verbeek, Geoffrey Wilkinson, Susan Wood.

TO GRADE 5
Paul Cripps, Sylvia Cyganek, Gail Douglas, Marian Dredge, Dale Fisher, Lynn Frame, Henry Jensen, Leonard Kuiper, Russell Long, George McPhail, David Overland, Susan Ribble, Terrence Roze, David Shubert, Rebecca Stanley, Gloria Tarrant, Dick Van Arragon.

TO GRADE 6
Marion Barber, Valerie Bevan, Dan Black, Barry Brown, Mary Ann Frenkel, Terry Goodridge, Gary Hurrett, Melvin Jensen, Linda Kirkwood, Eddy Kuiper, John MacLeod, Gertrude Maron, Laurene Reunick, Margaret Slaven, Sharon Stokes, John Tappin, Sherlene Tripp, Sam Walters, Linda Wood.

TO GRADE 7
Raymond Denny, William Dredge, Michael Frame, Dick Kuiper, Bente Larsen, Beverly Moore, Kathleen O'Rourke, Stephen Parry, Bryan Robertson, Shirley Savers, Rae Swackhamer, Glenn Taillefer, Margaret Van Arragon, Grace Venema, Glenn Sutton.

TO GRADE 8
Richard Brown, Larry Douglas, William Douglas, Larry Dredge, Brian Fisher, David Fisher, David Hurrett, Johanna Jensen, Grace Kamminga, Thelma Kirkwood, Donald McClure, John Newell, James Slaven, Irene Stokes, Mary Taylor, Norman Taylor.

TO GRADE 9
Rex Appleyard, David Brown, Earl Butler, Ross Butler, Joe Cyganek, Dora Dredge, Marie Frank, Edna Goodridge, Charlene Gough, Sharon Hume, Britta Larsen, Edward Long, John Oliver, Susan Parry, Edward Ribble, Martha Robertson, John Stokes, Raymond Stull, Susan Taillefer, John Van Arragon, Martin Van der Veen, Linda Wood.



Signpost at New Rockwood Conservation Park indicates sections in the attractive area. The area was officially opened last week.

Time Consuming Procedure ...

Hair-splitting procedure on minor technicalities can waste more time at a meeting of municipal authorities than any other single factor.

At the most recent meeting of Halton County Council, where procedure is detailed in a multi-page booklet, a discussion on altering salaries for one group was debated for 90 minutes.

Near the end of the discussion, as the Warden was valiantly trying to untangle procedure and three or four resolutions that had been tabled to straighten the problem out, Esquimes's Reeve George Leslie, belted out a common sense opinion that in effect

The Celluloid Issue ...

Like most Canadians we're fed up to the ears with "Mr. Pearson" and the flag debate that has been the latest "spectacle" in our dearly loved House of Commons.

It seems almost incredible that there should be talk of another general election because house business can't get around these two stumbling blocks and is stymied by day after weary day of endless and pointless debate.

Everyone is shooting off about the film "Mr. Pearson" and the number that have seen it is restricted to a few press gallery reporters and some top party brass.

In the meantime the publicity the film has received cannot even be compared with that given another recent CBC creation, "The Open Grave".

"If we're going to be so wrapped up in procedure that we can't use common sense, it's time we all went home."

No one would argue that procedure is not important. It is essential to the efficient conduct of business but sometimes in trying to spell out procedure to the ultimate, there is no room left for common sense, and tremendous amounts of time are wasted interpreting the rules and applying them.

County Council is one of the very efficient municipal organizations. In fact we wonder at times if its efficiency is not so great that members are hardpressed to find items to take issue with and thus revert to matters of procedure.

It would be difficult to put a price tag on the 90 minutes of debate that occupied the county councillors and their staff at the last meeting. There were however, 14 members of council present at \$20 each for a meeting of some three hours duration.

Then there's the matter of the Canadian flag. Despite assurances from nearly all directions that the Canadian flag of three maple leaves and two blue bars is acceptable among a majority of members of the House, discussion drones on.

Our only hope is that the members of the government and opposition parties will correctly gauge the feeling of Canadians on their shenanigans at \$18,000 per year. Surely there are ways to get the nation's business on the road and keep the wheels of government rolling progressively.

The electorate may be so reluctant that the result in party standing will change little and accomplish little. It must be evident to those who are in a position to govern, that progress had better be made if they are to be welcome on the hustings.

Speyside Public School Lists Class Promotions

Promotion lists have been prepared by staff members at Speyside public school and names of pupils successful in passing are published below.

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"You're a lazy bum, Bill Smiley." That's a recurrent theme around our place the minute the long hot days of July begin. And it isn't me talking to myself, I might add.

The Bible tells us that a prophet is not without honor, save in his own country. These days, a philosopher is not without honor, save in his own back yard, when summer comes. And he'd look pretty silly sitting out there meditating in January.

I know the hedge needs trimming and the lawn needs mowing and the flowerbeds need weeding and the back porch needs painting and the kids need a clip on the ear. I don't have to be told over and over again, like a retarded child.

But there are a lot of other things that need doing a whole lot more. So I wish my wife would just shut up about those petty, menial chores and let me get on with something worthwhile.

Knox Picnic Kelso Park

Knox church congregational picnic was held on Saturday afternoon at Kelso Conservation Area. There was a husband and several groups went in cars.

Running Races
Five and under: girls, Debbie Rose, Beverly Gray, boys, Steve McKnight, Ian Johnston.

Eight and nine girls, Judith Brown, Kathy Ashley, boys, Glen McKenzie, Chris Schuts.

Twelve and 13 girls, Marsha McKenzie, Annie Watson.

Pin Kleece on line, girls 6 and 7: Marlene Edge, Emily Hodgson.

Bubble gum race, boys 6 and 7: Paul Hansen, Joey Schuts.

Blow the bag, girls 10 and 11: Jane Watson, Karen Ashley.

Wheelbarrow race, boys 10 and 11: Terry Rose, Chris Schuts.

Kicking the shoe, women: Karen Ashley, Nettie Trissenaar.

Tug of war, men: Wilmer Davidson's and Howard Colyer team.

Visits, Illness In Week's News

We regret that little Georgina Rogers has been hospitalized in Georgetown for the past week with seasonal ailments and cold.

Little Jon Herrington had the end of a finger reattached last week after accidentally cutting it off. We hope that the operation was successful.

We hope that Mrs. A. Greve is soon well again. She is recovering from further surgery in hospital in Georgetown.

Mrs. A. Hall and Mr. and Mrs. McAlpine of Toronto are presently staying at their cottage here.

Mrs. Belle Anderson spent the weekend with her son, Vance Langille, with her daughter prior to leaving on holidays with relatives in Collingwood, Nova Scotia.

The O. Mullers visited the Mrs. Nobles on Monday, prior to Mrs. Muller, Frances and Philip leaving for holidays with her mother in England next weekend.

Church Change

Combined services for the Presbyterian and United congregations on Sunday, to the confusion of a few people. The 10 o'clock services for the month of July are in Knox with Rev. A. H. McKenzie in charge, and August at the United church with Rev. Dwight Engel in charge.

Perhaps the fact it was still June caused the difficulties Sunday. Some went to the United Church to find it locked. Others arrived at Knox at 11 for the regular service.



There's bird-watching to be done. Who is going to enjoy the three robins and a flicker strutting under the sprinkler, just like three downagers and a gigolo, if I'm not there?

There's ruminating to be done. Somewhere on this crazy continent there has to be one man sitting quietly, thinking seriously - if you'll bare with me - about the psychological and moral effects of the topless swim suit.

There's planning to be done. How can a chap plan a golf game and a fishing jaunt and a camping trip and a summer course and a column and a speech and how to avoid doing any of them, if he's muddling about with a paint brush or a pair of shears?

There's a lot of figuring to be done. Who else around here is going to figure out how to get the mortgage extended, meet the note at the bank, and stay out of debtor's prison, when our outgo exceeds our income by an indecent row of digits.

There're cold drinks to drink. Any simpleton can jam up the fridge with it, and leave it there, taking up valuable space. It takes a touch of the artist: to keep it moving at just the right speed so that you're never stuck if you feel like a cold one, but are just fresh out when a gang of thirsty visitors arrives.

There are books to be read. Clouds to be counted, squirrel-ights to referee. Who's going to listen to the trees making love, the acorns dropping, the bees droning, if I'm sweating around behind the roar of the lawnmower?

So. Next time you drive past our place, and you see a recumbent figure on a lawn chair, inert, and your wife says, "That Bill Smiley is a lazy bum, isn't he? Don't agree like the cow and you are. Just retort, "Nuts. He's a philosopher without honor in his own back yard."

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