



PLAZAS AND BANNERS drenched but still high, members of Lavinia Lodge Local Orange Benevolent Association near the end of the parade route Saturday in the torrential downpour. Lavinia has about 25 Acton members.

And the Rains Came...

How a short rain can ruin the plans of months was ably demonstrated on Saturday when the Orange paraders, who stoutly kept on to the park despite the thunderstorm, couldn't stay soaking in the park and left. There were few there for the program held in the arena.

Difficulty of a situation like this is that there is nobody we can blame. Plans had been carefully made. The food booths, which suffered losses, were drenched so quickly even alternative arrangements could not have saved them.

Misfortunes of weather just go to show control of affairs isn't as much in the hands of men as we like to think it is.

The Orange Walk won't likely be back in Acton for many years. Maybe then the marchers will be able to stay to enjoy the program in our beautiful park!

Visitors from Acton to other towns and other districts begin to realize how fortunate

Acton is in the parks department. Few towns have the marvellous natural location for a town park we enjoy, with our shady peninsula out into the lake. Many out-of-town people are there on weekends, and the town's children throng there for the playground and reasonably safe swimming. The little tots play in supervised safety in the wading pool. Ball games draw plenty more. At fair time it's packed.

There's seldom an issue of the Free Press, winter or summer, without a mention of something going on at our park.

Yet, some adults have mentioned they never go there, and haven't been in Prospect Park for years. Are you one of these? Take a picnic there some weekday, instead of staying in your own garden or driving miles away. Attendance figures for this year indicate more people are using the park but there is still lots of room for you and your family.

It Isn't Your Town—It's You...

from the Invermere (B.C.) Lake Windermere Valley Echo

The man down the street growled, "No I didn't go to the meeting. There are too many dam meetings and I'm fed up."

The man in the blue car complained, "Why doesn't the council do something about those potholes? The streets in this town are a disgrace."

The woman in green had another angle. "I'm tired of being asked to join things or donate to this and that or to go and help with projects. I can't call my soul, my own anymore."

The chairman of too many committees gripes: "Why can't they get someone else to do this job? I've been doing it for years."

Of course there are too many meetings but how else can the wheels of community activity turn?

Certainly the potholes are bad but the season is not right for fixing them. The council has many problems and that man wouldn't serve on council for anything. He's the first to complain about his taxes, though.

Sure there are a lot of organizations and fund-raising campaigns. But they are all worthwhile causes.

And the chairman of too many committees would wonder if he was being left on the shelf if he wasn't asked to serve with his wide knowledge of the matter concerned.

Of course we all get fed up sometimes — another tax notice, another committee, another donation.

Brother — there's no end to it! But it's your town isn't it? It doesn't matter whether it is Canal Flat, Edgewater, Invermere or Atholmer, Brisco, Radium or Windermere. You live there. It's your town and your town is the way you make it.

Damn this town, you say. They don't do this and won't do that. It's a heck of a place to live!

But, Brother, let the other fellow say that! Let the other end of the valley say your town is a hole in the wall, that the people are unfriendly or unco-operative or just plain ornery and Brother, they've had it.

Remember this — your town is just a shell, just a framework for the spirit within. Your town is its people — you and your neighbors.

It isn't your town... it's yours!

Editorials in Brief...

The flags on Mill and Main Streets add a colorful note to the town when they fly during the public holidays and special events. Put up through the co-operation of the Decoration Day committee, the Chamber of Commerce and the Hydro Commission, the flags are a demonstration of an effort to do something constructive. The tearing or cutting down of the flags by hoodlums indicates their lack of maturity and inability of their own minds to attempt to accomplish anything constructive. It is to be hoped that no citizen in Acton will condone this type of behaviour by not taking action to stop the culprits.

THE GOOD OLD DAYS

20 YEARS AGO 50 YEARS AGO

Taken from the issue of the Free Press, Thursday, July 13, 1944.
Announcement was made last week of the election of Stewart G. Bennett of Toronto to the Board of Directors of the Canadian Bridge Co. Ltd. Mr. Bennett is vice-president and general manager of Beardmore and Co. Ltd.

The regular meeting of the Women's Missionary Society of the United Church was held at the home of Mrs. James Symon, Willow Street on Tuesday evening. The vice-president, Mrs. S. J. Reid presided. Arrangements were made for a tea in charge of the life members, Mrs. T. J. Barry and Mrs. Veldhuis rendered a duet.

The guest speaker for the evening, Mrs. Harry Noble of Toronto, spoke very forcibly on the temperance question and conditions as they are today. At the close of the evening Mrs. James Symon, assisted by her house guest, Mrs. Symon of Vancouver served refreshments.

The water in the lake is increasingly good this past month. The test is heavy and the least we can do at home is to be sure that we do not lag when victory is within our grasp.

Mr. and Mrs. Amos Mason visited in Sundridge this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack McGeachin and Paul are spending a holiday with friends in Acton and vicinity.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Beatty are holidaying at Lake of Bays in Muskoka.

Taken from the issue of the Free Press, Thursday, July 16, 1944.
The mercury almost reached the 90 point on Saturday.

The rails of the new Suburban Railway are laid as far as Norval.

St. Alban's Sunday School have arranged for an excursion to Victoria Park, Berlin, on Tuesday, July 28th. Return tickets will be sold at 45¢, with child's tickets at 45¢.

The teachers, who had accepted re-employment at increased salaries at the last meeting, resigned before the next Board meeting to accept positions elsewhere at higher salaries. The Board has to advertise again for two new teachers.

The Twelfth of July was celebrated in the County Town this year and was one of the largest gatherings of Orangemen ever held in Halton.

Mr. James Cree of the fifth line, met with a painful accident on Monday while having a horse shod. The horse jerked his foot and the point of the protruding horseshoe nail tore a deep gash across the palm of Mr. Cree's left hand.

Robert Campbell of Erin, was struck by a G. T. R. locomotive, near Lamhouse, the evening of the Twelfth. Although he was badly battered up, his physician has good hopes for his recovery.

Died — At his home, Church Street, Acton, on Wednesday, July 20th, 1944, Rufus Worden, in his 75th year.

NEWS FROM AROUND THE DISTRICT

GEORGETOWN — A modern motel may soon be sitting where the old Georgetown Creamery once stood on Guelph St. opposite Stonehouse Sales. An out of town firm, Rope Construction, has discussed the matter twice with the Georgetown planning board in regards to zoning. If the firm is allowed to build it will be the first motel to be constructed inside town limits. Since the creamery was razed in two fives a number of years ago there has been little interest in the property.

MILTON — Construction is expected to begin immediately on a \$45,000 addition to the Milton plant of Canadian Meter Co. Ltd., it was announced recently by president J. W. Ostler. The addition, planned for the north west side of the present plant, will be mainly warehousing, designed to store partially manufactured materials and raw material. It will clear material from the present manufacturing area. The building will be a Stran-Steel metal clad building with panels to harmonize with the existing cement block structure. There will be no supporting columns in the interior of the building providing free movement of materials.

BRAMPTON — A by-law to dissolve Chingunacow's Police Commission was brought before Township Council for its third and final reading recently. But at the insistence of three of the seven councillors, the vote was postponed until the by-law is approved by the Attorney General. The by-law would return control of the police department to a committee of council. It has been on council's books since April when it was given two readings and set aside. Reeve Cyril Clark responded to their objections, claiming that the commission had "acted behind my back when I wasn't present to defend myself."

BURLINGTON — Burlingtonites will have the Canadian Football Hall of Fame right on their doorsteps. Mayor Victor Copps of Hamilton and members of the Hall of Fame committee met with the press recently at Hamilton's City Hall and announced plans and location for the football shrine. The building will be located adjacent to the Royal Botanical Park Gardens, immediately inside the Hamilton city limits. To date, the committee has raised \$75,000, of which the Hamilton Tiger Cat Football Club has donated one fifth, industry 50 per cent, and the balance from local contributions. Plans are being made to raise the remaining \$25,000.

4-H Club Members Compete Ed Van Hoekelen Top Scorer

Fifty-one 4-H club members competed in the Halton County Land Judging Competition on Wednesday, July 8. The competition is unique in that half the time is spent in actual judging. Ed Van Hoekelen, R.R. No. 2, Acton, was the top scorer in the Competition, and won the Land Judging trophy.

Winner in the junior section was Carol Swackhamer, R.R. 2, Acton and Lois Hunter, Burlington R.R. No. 1, won the novice division.

The competitors met at the Agricultural Hall, Milton Fair Grounds. Here they received instructions and were given a talk on soil profiles and land development in this area, by Jack Galin, soils and crop fieldman for this area.

Also in the morning, the 4-H club members toured the Milton area and examined seven profiles of different soil types. During the tour they received instructions on judging land, in practice for the afternoon competition.

Lunch on the Mountain
After a lunch at Rattlesnake Point, they moved to the farm of Lloyd Chisholm in Nassagawewa township. Four pigs were judged here, and placed as to their suitability for growing four different crops. When the judging was completed they returned to the Milton Fair Grounds, and gave oral reasons for their decisions.

Top scorers in the Senior division, for those 17-26 years of age, were: Ed Van Hoekelen, Acton R.R. 2, 121; Harold Thompson, Milton R.R. 2, 119; Bill Alexander, Norval R.R. 1, 118. The three highest in the Junior section, for those under sixteen years of age, were: Carol Swackhamer, Acton R.R. 2, 120; Verina Thompson, Milton R.R. 2, 114; Marg King, Milton R.R. 4, 113.

Ebenezer

U.C.W. Meeting In S.S. Room

Ebenezer U.C.W. held their July meeting in the Sunday school room, with Mrs. Art Diamond as hostess. Mrs. Horace Blith presided. The scripture readings dealt with Jesus and the children, and were taken by Mrs. Diamond, Mrs. Duffield and Mrs. Ward.

Mrs. Ward read a letter from Rev. Watson Foyes telling about the foot-top schools of Hong Kong and the use that is made there of the used Christmas cards that are sent.

Eighteen ladies answered the roll call with a verse using the word "teach". Mrs. Mervyn Thompson introduced Mr. Paul Joliffe, director of Halton County Children's Aid Society. He showed an interesting film strip of the work of the society. Mrs. Ward thanked Mr. Joliffe on behalf of the ladies.

It was decided to make inquiries regarding redecorating the Sunday school rooms.

A donation towards the cost of overseas relief parcels was voted, also assistance towards the Mission Band picnic. Mrs. Stanley Morrish and Mrs. John Kitching assisted Mrs. Diamond in serving lunch.

Mr. Burton, of the Gideons, took the service at Ebenezer on Sunday morning.

Sugar and Spice...

BY BILL BAILEY

There's nothing quite as relaxed and indolent as the life of a school teacher in those two long, golden months of summer. Eight glorious weeks: A little golf, a little swimming, a little fishing, a lot of picnics and cook-outs and long, cold drinks; unlimited time to read and girls in shorts toogle.

It's a picture I paint for myself in clear outlines, in cool pastel shades, every June. But somehow the finished canvas isn't quite what I had in mind. The outline fades, the colors change into violent reds, yellows and purples, and we come up with something resembling a drunken rainbow that has been struck by lightning.

This summer has been no exception. It started off in typical fashion with a racking dose of food poisoning as hearty as a July of 80 who has just given birth to quadruplets. I was so weak that the cat, who has been watching her chance for years, stuck out a foot as I was tottering toward my lawn chair, and tripped me flat on my face.

Rarely over this I had to drive the family 700 miles into the U.S. on the July 4th weekend, to dump young Hugh at a summer music school. But it wasn't the mileage that got me down. It was the list of instructions issued to the kid by his mother. If he'd been written out, they'd have covered a sheet of paper for every mile we travelled, and they could have been remembered only by a herd of elephants.

I didn't blame her, though. It isn't that the kid is stupid. It's just that he's a teen-ager and lives in that peculiar world inhabited by that peculiar species. In the week before we left, he had lost: his wallet, his running shoes, and a dollar bill (which turned up in the washing machine). That was an average week.

Imagine going away and leaving that godless gawk of a boy on his own, for three weeks, with 10 different places to be at definite times every day; with money to handle all by himself; with nobody to find all the things he'll lose; and with his way to find all the way home by bus.

We weren't much comforted as we left him. He climbed out of the car, saying, "Yes, O.K. I won't forget. Uh-huh. Right. Yup," as a last-minute torrent of verbal directions poured at him. He took his bag, waved, and started up the steps of the boarding house next door to the one we had just registered him in. I doubt if we'll ever see the boy again.

At home from that jaunt just long enough to do the washing, repack the suitcases and head for summer school. Arrived a bit shaky after giving myself a small farewell party and was immediately asked to read a poem to a group of intense English teachers.

After summer school, we rush Kim to camp, then hike for the old home town to put out the paper for two weeks while the editor goes on his honeymoon. Then scramble for home, collect Kim from camp, entertain friends in relays for a week before hurrying off to newspaper convention, which is about as easy on a fellow, physically, as breaking wild mustangs with a slipped disc. End of summer. End of "holidays."

Anyone know of a job where they give you four months vacation? If I could find one, I might manage to squeeze in a couple of games of golf, or a day's fishing.

Junior Farmers, 4-H To Judge Livestock

Over 75 4-H club members and Junior Farmers from Halton County are expected to attend the livestock judging competition at the O.A.C. Guelph, on Wednesday, July 22. This competition is open to anyone under 26 years of age.

This transportation is provided for all competitors, from the Fair Grounds in Milton, and Thompson's Garage in Acton. There will be ten classes of livestock to judge, and reasons for placing will be given in five classes.

There are trophies given to the top judges in dairy, beef, and swine. There is also a trophy for the champion livestock judge, and for the high novice (C.N.E. Shield).

The swimming pool is also available for an hour after the competition is finished.

WATCH HAZARD

The Ontario Safety League reports an unusual accident to a man working on his car. He short-circuited the battery with the metal band on his wristwatch. The band became red hot and inflicted a severe burn on his wrist. Besides being conductors of electricity, both watches and rings can easily get caught around any power-driven mechanism — car, home workshop or a power mower. Hardware on your hands can be a hazard.

It's Been Done
Soh: Pop, there's a man at the circus who jumps on a horse's back, slips underneath, catches hold of its tail and finishes up lying on its back!
Dad: That's easy. I did all that the first time I ever rode a horse.

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

CANADIAN NATIONAL RAILWAYS

Daylight Saving Time
Eastbound
6:52 a.m. to Toronto, daily except Sat. and Sun.; 7:38 a.m. to Toronto, daily except Sat. and Sun.; 9:53 a.m. train to now cancelled; daily except Sat. and Sun.; 7:40 p.m.; Sat. only, 7:45 p.m.; Sun. only 7:20 p.m.
Westbound
7:38 a.m. to Stratford, daily except Sun.; 6:23 p.m. to Stratford, daily except Sat. and Sun.; 7:08 p.m., daily except Sun.; 12:49 a.m. to Stratford daily except Sat.

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