



**BRIDGE CONSTRUCTION** on Church St. W. is continuing at a rapid pace. A large shovel is continuing to dredge out the creek area in preparation for installation of forms. Some cement was poured Tuesday. As soon as this bridge is completed work will begin on construction of the new Brock Street bridge.

## Drive Carefully...

More people drive more miles on the August Civic Holiday Weekend than at any other similar period all year — and accident hazards can increase as a result. It's a family-type holiday, and it often brings family-type accidents.

"There have been in the early part of this summer a number of tragic accidents in Ontario in which whole families have been killed or injured," said Hon. Irwin Hasket, Minister of Transport. "Fatal accidents are always shocking and dreadful and we want to prevent all of them. But an accident that claims five, six or more lives multiplies the shock, sorrow and loss."

A man driving a crowded car must remember three things.

- He must concentrate on the operation of the car and not permit himself to be distracted by conversation or the activity of children.

- He has a special responsibility to make sure that his car is in first class mechanical condition.

- He must remain alert. This means driving shorter distances or stopping to rest often than he might if he were travelling alone.

No one thinks of accidents when they plan a trip, but avoiding them demands observation of the rules as well as the exercise of considerable common sense.

This weekend, if you plan to drive, don't drive for the headlines.

## More Leisure Time...

Nature has an annoying habit of replacing one problem with another. Antibiotics marked a great step forward in medicine, but soon new strains of bugs showed up which literally thumbed their noses at the new drugs. Pesticides improved crop production but showed up in milk and other foods as dangerous poison.

The goal of shorter weeks has an incipient problem, if not one which is already upon us. Apart from the fact that shortened work hours have made it almost impossible to find time for a haircut on company time, other and more serious problems are looming.

We are all for shorter work weeks. (As private businessmen, we find they give the boss more time to work when the stop is closed and free of interruption.)

But on the larger picture, they are creating a social problem which is already challenging thinking people and demanding more and more social services. Already the longer leisure hours in effect are weighing

heavily on many people, whose boredom turns them to the pub or to private drink-inf, or some other form of frantic escape.

Leisure time is only of real value if it is usefully appropriated to something that will improve the mind and body, not deteriorate it. Fortunately there are still many — and fortunately they are still in the majority — who have hobbies which gobble up every leisure minute of time and every leisure ounce of energy. They may be basement do-it-yourselfers, sports participants, youth or community leaders, diligent readers and even writers... whatever they are, their problems are minute.

Those in danger are the people who find that a work-week shortened by another day or half-day or a work-week shortened by another hour or half-hour simply means they can get to the pub that much earlier.

A sense of purpose is in direct ratio to a person's happiness. Those people are rich indeed who are short of time.

—Powell River News.

## Editorial Briefs...

A scruffy hobo was walking along a highway deliberately thumbing his nose at every car that sped by. In time, another hitchhiker coming from the opposite direction spotted him in amazement.

"Hey, Bud!" he yelled, "What's the idea of thumbing your nose like that? You'll never score a ride that way."

The other hobo spat on the highway. "So who cares?" he shrugged. "I'm on my lunch hour."

More people kill themselves in vacation traffic than are killed by others, says the Ontario Safety League. Three out of every five traffic fatalities involve only one car.

A report from an Australian safety magazine describing some of the things men and women car drivers were doing a second before they died in the wreckage of their cars which collided with other vehicles; crashed into posts, trees and buildings; skidded and overturned includes rather amusingly:

- Holding a dog on her lap.
- Holding a baby who was holding the steering wheel.
- Shaving with his electric razor.
- Combing her hair in the rear vision mirror.
- Playing with his mouth organ.
- Reading his newspaper.
- Lighting her cigarette.

## THE GOOD OLD DAYS

### 20 YEARS AGO

Taken from the issue of the Free Press, Thursday, July 30, 1914.

Cooler evenings, Now for the harvest apple tree and its luscious products. A rank of Acton bowlers took part in a tournament at Southampton on Monday.

A joint meeting of the Children's Aid Society for Halton, Peel and Dufferin was held at Brampton when Mr. C. W. Morrison of Brampton was regularly employed as agent and inspector for the three counties.

Acton Baseball Team held a holiday Saturday as far as a league game was concerned. However, a game was arranged with the baseball team of the G.T.R. office staff of Toronto. The game was interesting throughout. Acton won by 16-1.

The teaching staff for the Acton schools is now complete. Miss Lena Pearson and Miss Francis Bricknell have been engaged in the place of the two who resigned.

Misses Marguerite and Elsie Stewart are holidaying with friends in Wingham. Mr. and Mrs. Amos Mason of Alton visited at the home of Mr. William Mason last week.

Died Swackhamer — At the family residence, Churchill, near Acton, on Thursday, July 23, 1914, Christopher Swackhamer, in his 90th year.

### 50 YEARS AGO

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

The following four secondary school graduation diplomas have been awarded to regular candidates and candidates whose enlistment for Farm Service has been certified — Margaret R. How, Douglas Davidson, John R. Mainprize, June Talbot.

The Knox Sunday School held their annual picnic on Wednesday, July 19, in the Acton park. The weather being undecided, the crowd was slow in gathering. After a short game of ball, races and contests took place with many winners.

A most satisfying picnic lunch was served in the grandstand, following which the prizes were distributed. After lunch, a game of ball was again being enjoyed when another of those summer storms caused all to scatter early but contented.

Articles sent from Acton Red Cross the past week included the following: two pillows, one pair of yellow socks, 16 sweaters, 22 pairs of socks, three pair sea men's socks, two tuck-ins, one helmet, eight quilts.

Misses Inez McLellan and Margaret Somerville are holidaying at Wasaga Beach this week.

Miss Margaret Brown is having a holiday trip down the Saguenay River.

## Christmas in July On Friday at Park

Merry Christmas!

That will be the greeting at the park playgrounds this Friday when a decorated Christmas tree and gifts will all be part of the "Christmas in July" theme.

Thursday night there'll be a sleepout for senior boys and girls in the park with leaders and Jim Casburn in charge.

## Joint Services Move Into United Church

Last Sunday saw the last joint summer service at Knox church, and now for the month of August combined services for the United church members at 1 Presb. church services will be held in the United Church. There has been a combined choir and attendance has been fairly good despite the stifling heat. Joint services are at 10 a.m.

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## Sugar and Spice...

BY BILL SMITH

Occasionally, I think how pleasant it would be to have a summer cottage. Just a cosy little place, on a lake, where a fellow could get away from it all, do a little quiet fishing and thinking. A spot to go on those long, lovely fall weekends, as well.

Fortunately, this manifestation of madness is brief. My well developed sense of reality revives and I breathe a little silent thanks that I have not been hooked.

A summer cottage, 30 years ago, was a joy to the heart, a balm to the nerves, a refuge from relatives, a source of spiritual rejuvenation.

Today, it is almost guaranteed as an ukersmaker, a nerve-wrecker, a spirit-smasher. It is an albatross around the neck of its owner, who winds up each season looking and feeling about as spry as the Ancient Mariner.

First, and perhaps worst, there is the sheer, shocking expense of the thing. A man could keep three mistresses swathed in mink for what a cottage costs him.

Thirty years ago, you bought a lot from a farmer, who thought you were out of your mind, for \$50. You had a local carpenter whack up a cottage for about \$400. For another \$35, you picked up a stove, some beds and a few other odds and ends of furniture, at auction sales. And you were in business.

Today, you fork over about \$1,500 for a lot, erect a modest cottage for another \$3,500. And you're just beginning. It costs a year's salary to outfit the

place. Then there's a well to dig, plumbing and hydro to install, and a boat to buy that is bigger than that of the guy next-door.

In the old days, a man could keep his family in dignified comfort at the cottage for about ten bucks a week. That, gentle reader, is eighty dollars for the whole summer. They got their fuel in the bush. They bought vegetables and milk, chickens and eggs, from the local farmer at prices that make one weep with rage today. Once a week, the family went into town and loaded up with grub, coal oil for the lamps, and a round of ice cream cones, for about eight dollars.

In these enlightened 1960's, keeping the family at the cottage is like watching blood pour out of an open wound. There's wood to buy for the place, and gasoline for the boats, and hydro bills and taxes and repairs to the plumbing system. And there's the thrice weekly swoop on the supermarket, to the tune of about thirty dollars a swoop.

But it's not only the financial aspect that appalls me. It's the communications and transport progress that makes a cottage owner go around all summer with a severe facial twitch.

In the good old days, a man drove his family a hundred miles to the cottage and left them there until Labor Day. He didn't see or hear one of them for eight weeks. Those were, indeed, the golden days.

Nowadays, the poor guy has had a couple of long distance calls telling him that the toilet is leaking and the kids all have pink eye and his wife has run out of money because she had quite a repair bill on the Volk after backing it into the boat trailer.

Then he's expected to drive a hundred miles Friday night in traffic that would make a bishop blush. He arrives just before dark to find that the pump has broken down, the kids have waked up the boat, the baby has drowned but has been revived by artificial respiration, and the next-door neighbors, who never know enough to go home, have been invited over for a visit.

—Surprise sight in Glenora: a snow white pet rabbit running on the beams of headlights on the roads at night. Lost or abandoned?

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