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 familytype 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 oftener than he might if he were travelling

No one thinks of accidents when they plan a trip, but avoiding them demands observance 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 enother. Antibiotics marked a great step forward in medicine. but soon new strains of bugs shawed 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.

cipient 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 loom-

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 drinkinf, 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 --The goal of shorter weeks has an in- 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, Budi" 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

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 amazingly:

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

Playing with his mouth organ.

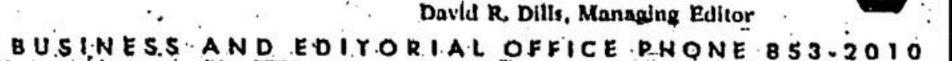
Reading his newspaper. Lighting her cigarette.

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THE GOOD OLD DAYS

20 YEARS AGO

Taken from the laster of the Free Press, Thursday, July 36, 1914.

Cooler evenings, Now for the harvest apple tree and its lusclous products. A rink of Acton bowlers took part in a tournament at South-

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

for the three counties. Acton Baseball Team held boliday Saturday as far as a league game was concerned However, a game was arranged with the baseball team of the GTR office staff of Toronto The game was interesting throughout. Acton won by 16 !

The teaching stall for the Acon schools is now complete. Miss Ina Pearson and Miss Francis Bricknell have been enpaged in the place of the two who resigned.

Misses Marguerite and Elsie Stewart are holidaving with friends in Wingham Mr and Mrs Amos Mason of Alton visited at the home

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.

Christmas in July On Friday at Park

Merry Christmas!

That will be the greeting at the park playgrounds this Triday 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 parls in the park with leaders and Hm Casburn in charge.

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50 YEARS AGO

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

The following four secondary school graduation diplomas have been awarded to regular candidates and candidates whose enlicement for Farm Service has been certified - Margaret R. Hlow, Douglas Davidson, John R. Mainprize, June Yalbot.

The Knox Sunday School held their annual plenic 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 watter early but contented.

Articles sent from Acton Red Cross the past week included the following: two pillows, one pair of pillow cases, 16 sweaters, 82 pairs of sacks, three pair sea men's sacks, two tuckins, one helmet, eight quilts.

Mixes Inc. McLellan and Margaret Somerville are holidaying at Wasaga Beach this week. Miss Margaret Brown is having a holiday trip down the Saguenay River.

Joint Services Move bute 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 and Presbyterians will be held in the United Church. There has been a combined chole and attendance has been fairly good despite the stilling heat. Joint services are

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ticcasionally, 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 full weekends, as well.

> Fortunately, this manifestatation of madness is brief. My well developed wines of reality revives and I breathe a little illent thanks that I have not heen hooked.

A summer collage, 30 years syo, was a joy to the heart, a bulm to the nerves, a refuge from relatives, a source of spiritual rejuvenation.

Today, it is almost guaranteed as an ukermaker, a nerve-wrecker, a spirit-masker. It is an albatross around the neck of its owner, who winds up each season looking and feeling about as apry 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

Thrity 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 \$15, you picked up a stove, some beds and a few other colds and code 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 13,500. And you're just beginning. It costs year's valary to outfit the

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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 famile in disnilled 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 ucep 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 ke cream conce, for about

In these enlightened 1960's, keeping the family at the cottage is like watching blood pour out of an open wound. There's would to buy for the place, and gave line for the boats, and hydro there's the thrice weekly swimp on the supermarket, to the tune of about thirty dollars a swoop.

eight dollars.

But it's not only the finance over for a visit. lal aspect that appalls me. It's the communications and transport progress that makes a cottage owner go around all commer with a severe facial Iwitch.

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

Nowadays, the poor guy has had a couple of long distance calls telling him that the taklet 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 Volks after backing it into the hout trailer.

Then he's expected to drive a hundred mikes Friday night in truffic that would make a bishop blaspheme. He arrives just before dark, to find that the pump has broken down, the kids hills and taxes and repairs to have wracked up the hoat, the plumbing system. And haby has drowned but has been revived by artificial desperation, and the next-door neighture, who never know enough to go home, have been invited

> -Surprise sight in Glenles: a answ white pet rabbit running in the heams of headlights on the roads at night last or abandenied!

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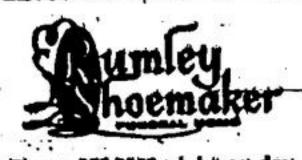
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