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Recreation Integration . . .

With the start of the fall season of activities at Acton Park at the Fall Fair on September 18 and 19, another season of activities of the recreation commission gets underway. The appointment of Harris Roe as recreation director indicates there will be a continuance and expansion of the fine program Acton has enjoyed for two years. Discussions underway with the directors of the Y.M.C.A. board are a step in the right direction and the organization of all recreational activities in Acton, whether they be art classes, arena activities, Y program or a fitness program at the high school under one administration can only be of benefit to all.

The fall fair this year will have an added feature in the arena with a commercial display on the newly-poured concrete floor. This display should exhibit the activity of the business community in Acton and be an excellent addition to the Fair. With the floor in the arena it will now be possible to implement and carry out the fair's full program even in the face of inclement weather.

While the floor is in, there is still one other small detail to be considered — it has to be paid for. The recreation commission is planning a series of projects to do just that. It is hoped they have the complete support of all citizens to meet this obligation. The amount to be raised is less than $4,000 and it should be raised this fall to make the community centre once again a completely paid for asset for the use of all citizens.

Look Forward to Exams . . .

With the beginning on Tuesday of another school term, all activities in the community, as well, start on another year. While most organizations and municipal boards take office in January, it appears to us that the groups' year actually runs from September to June when the annual holiday season begins.

The joys and sorrows which will be evident when school results are announced next spring and summer are just that — results. It is not only a report of the accomplishments of pupils in next June's examinations. It is the result of their efforts for the whole year's work which began on Tuesday.

To have successful results next June will not only require the attendance of the pupils and the supervision of the school staff, it will require the interest, support and active assistance of parents in the education of their children. When the results are announced it is too late for second thoughts and recriminations. Now and every day throughout the school year is the time to make every effort to ensure that the year is a year well spent.

While the complete report on grade 13 results has not been made available as yet, there is every indication that these results will not be any more than barely satisfactory. If we are going to do anything to improve the results next June, now is the time to plan accordingly and make any changes necessary.

Why Taxes Climb . . .

It is increasingly clear that another strip, and probably a large one, may soon be torn from the taxpayer's hide, says The Financial Post in its leading editorial. Ottawa is plainly determined to introduce as soon as possible a national health plan based on the Hall Royal Commission report. This decision has been taken even before the effects of the proposed Canada Pension Plan's implications can be even partly assessed. It is also a decision that seems to have been taken with blithe disregard for urgent spending needs for education.

If the health scheme presented by the Hall people were in full operation today, the Canadian Tax Foundation says, an extra $915 million would have to be raised through Canada's tax system on top of the $7,750 million now extracted by Ottawa and the provinces from us citizens. This could be done in several ways. It could come from corporation taxes. That would raise the rate to a ludicrous 74% to 76% of all earnings. It could be raised by higher federal manufacturer's sales taxes. This would push the rate from 8% to 19%. Or it could be done by increasing everyone's income tax by almost 50%. The extra $915 million to be raised from the public is not, in one way, quite as horrifying as it looks. Since all health expenditures would be paid by the government, consumers would have left in their hands almost $700 million that they would otherwise use to pay individual health bills. The point of the Foundation study, however, is entirely valid, continues The Financial Post comment. This is money to be raised publicly. It is bound to have an enormous effect on our tax structure, on product costs and on our national power to compete in international markets.

Every thoughtful Canadian would hope that the medical services now available to everyone would be improved and that those most in need would get first attention. But our national ability to sustain great welfare schemes depends on our national economic vitality and productivity. Trying for too much, too fast, will defeat the ends the welfare proponents wish to achieve.

Sugar and Spice . . .

BY BILL SMILEY

Waning summer is a sad time. In a way. The halcyon days are nearing an end. The sun has lost its burning, baking strength. The nights come sooner and cooler.

Young lovers who have had a summer affair part with a last embrace, desperate promises to write, and a great heart-wrenching, a feeling that something is going to be lost, irretrievable. And they're right.

There is a slightly forlorn, lonely air about the beaches and the resorts and the summer places. They have acquired a certain air of shabbiness that goes with the end of summer.

Canadians fall asleep every year, in June. Lulled by the whispered, scented promises of that lush and lovely month, they dream of dazzling beaches, pine scented woods, fun and sun, health and happiness.

And then the dream turns into reality. The sizzling irritation of the July heat wave, when they have decided, for a change, to take their holidays in August this year. And the cold, wet blanket of August, which turns camping trips into shivering family feuds, cottages into miniature mental institutions, and resort owners into wild-eyed neurotics.

But don't let this end-of-summer sadness bother you. It's phoney. Canadians are not really sad as summer ends. At least, they're no more sad than I am, when I dream I'm flying to Hong Kong with Elizabeth Taylor, and I've just drifted off with her head on my shoulder, and she shakes me gently and leers into my eyes and says, "I think I will have a double brandy", and I suddenly wake up and the Old Battle-axe is shaking my shoulder, the one with the bursitis in it, and mumbling, "Gemme a drinka wodder."

Summer in this country is an absolute fantasy, something in which no sensible Canadian would put any more faith than he would in his Irish Sweepstake ticket, or his old Aunt Ethel who has changed her will six times.

Summer in this country is a fraud, an illusion. Every time I lie out in the backyard, on the green grass, with the green trees enclosing a circle of blue sky above me, I shake myself and pinch myself, until I know it's a dream, and that if I tried the same thing four months later, I'd be buried under three feet of snow.

That's why I feel no real sadness as summer draws to a close. The Canadian summer is about as real as Gilbert and Sullivan.

In fact, I am elated at the thought that another two months of muddling around with visiting relatives, irrational golf balls, reluctant fish and lippy kids is at an end.

As any true, red-blooded Canadian knows, fall is the time when we begin to live again. We love it. We come alive. We stop dreaming.

We look at our kids with clear eyes, after the opium dream of summer, and find they've grown four inches. We look at our stomachs, after two months of barbecued chicken, french fries and dairy queens, and find they've grown two inches.

We look with loving eyes at our schools and realize with some joy that it's only a few days until we can take advantage of our position as taxpayers, and get rid of the kids for the best part of each week.

We look at our country and see it with new eyes. It's beautiful. Not a tourist in sight.

We look at our soft, soppy sleeveless summer selves, and realize that this is not what life is all about. And we give a dim, silent, Canadian cheer for the fact that it's all over once again and we can get back to the serious things of life. Like having a baby. Or running for the school board.

THIS SUNDAY'S Church Calendar

THIS BOOK — THE BIBLE

This book contains the mind of God — the state of man, the way of salvation, the doom of sinners, and the happiness of believers of its sacred contents. Its doctrines are holy, its histories are true, and its decisions are immutable.

(Continued next week)

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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 1964
119th Anniversary Services
Guest preacher, The Rev. F. Norman Young, B.A., Georgetown and Limehouse Churches.
11.00 a.m.—"A Peculiar People."
7.30 p.m.—"Integrity."
Guest soloist, Mr. Cam McArthur, Guelph, at both services
9.45 a.m.—Church School.
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2.30 p.m.—Dutch Service
3.45 p.m.—Sunday School.

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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 1964
Trinity XVI
9.00 a.m.—Holy Eucharist.
10.30 a.m.—Church School. Registration and Opening Session.
10.30 a.m.—Matins and Sermon.
September 16, Wednesday, Ember Day—7.30 p.m., Holy Eucharist.

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The Rev. Dwight I. Engel, B.A., B.D.
Organist:
Mr. George Elliott, M.A., Ph.D.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 1964
THE CHURCH SCHOOL
9.30 a.m.—Gr. 5 and higher.
11.00 a.m.—4 years to Gr. 4.
DIVINE SERVICES
9.30 a.m. and 11.00 a.m.
(Nursery at 11.00 a.m.)
7.30 p.m.—Young Adults (17 or Gr. 12).
8.00 p.m.—Young People (14 - 16 or Gr. 9-11).
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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 1964
Y.M.C.A.
9.45 a.m.—The Family Bible School classes for all ages.
11.00 a.m.—Morning Worship.
7.00 p.m.—Evening Service. Mr. Roger Silvester of Toronto, guest preacher at both services.
Wednesday, September 16, 8 p.m. —Cottage Prayer meeting, 95 Agnes St.
Everyone welcome.

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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 1964
10.00 a.m.—Sunday School.
11.00 a.m.—Morning Worship.
7.00 p.m.—Evangelistic Service. Guest speaker at both services, Rev. T. A. Matchett, Evangelist and radio pastor.
Tuesday, 8 p.m.—Prayer service and Bible study.
Thursday—8 p.m., C.A. service.

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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 1964
9.45 a.m.—Sunday School for all ages. (Scriptures Press Lessons taught.)
11.00 a.m.—Morning Worship. Subject, "Holding the Word of God."
7.00 p.m.—Evening Service. All welcome. "Gospel According to Paul."
Monday, September 14—Mission Circle, 8 p.m.
Wednesday — Prayer meeting at 7.30; choir practice at 8.30.
Friday, September 18—B.H.F. at 7.30.
"All Scripture is given by inspiration of God, and is profitable for doctrine, for reproof, for correction, for instruction in righteousness."
2 Timothy 3: 16.

Staff Photo

THE HOLIDAY'S OVER! And it was back to school Tuesday for 1,430 Acton students in three schools. Part of the lineup waiting anxiously to get into the Robert Little public school is shown at the main entrance. The seasoned veterans in higher grades made the trek with friends while beginners were accompanied by mothers.

The Good Old Days . . . .

20 YEARS AGO

Taken from the issue of the Free Press, Thursday, Sept. 7, 1944.

It was back to school in Acton on Tuesday for some four hundred pupils of the Continuation and Public Schools.

The Continuation School has an enrollment of approximately 100 this year. Mr. C. A. Stewart is the new principal and he has as his assistants, Miss Jean Barber and Mrs. Ross Carton. The Public School has an enrollment of 295.

Monday was a big day for Acton Boys' Band. The Y's Men's Club presented the entire band with a set of new uniforms. They are neat blue capes with red trimming and lined with red. The caps are wedge shaped with red piping.

Some weeks ago, employees of the Wool Combing Corporation and the Canadian Wool Co. at Georgetown decided to do without their annual picnic and send boxes to overseas friends instead.

Sgt. and Mrs. W. Hall, Mrs. W. J. Hall and Miss Marjorie Hall spent the Labor Day weekend at Bigwin Inn, Lake of Bays, Muskoka. Miss Nellie Hall, who spent the summer months there, returned to Toronto.

A number of citizens here reported feeling the earthquake early on Tuesday morning.

Several from here attended the Brampton Fair on Monday and report a good crowd and a splendid show.

50 YEARS AGO

Taken from the issue of the Free Press, Thursday, Sept. 10, 1914.

The new section of the county road on Main Street is about completed. It is a vast improvement.

There is a large demand for Acton Fall Fair prize lists.

The Pearson building on Willow Street is being moved back about 25 feet and will be remodelled for a residence for Mrs. Pearson.

Acton baseball team won the championship when they defeated Glen Williams on Saturday by a score of 3-0. The Acton team line-up was as follows: Williams, Folster, Tershman, McLean, Edmunds, Hildebrand, Smith, Vlug and Dunn.

A family reunion was held at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Gamble, Crewson's Corners, on the evening of Labor Day.

Dr. Buck, Palermo, Halton County's grand old man and oldest physician, celebrated his 81st birthday on Monday.

Our soldiers get good pay. With board and clothes, they get the equivalent of $12.70 per week.

The tide of war has turned. The Germans are swept back by British and French all along the line. 30,000 Germans were taken prisoner in one day. The Germans on Tuesday requested an armistice from the Allies. The reply was: "We'll give you twenty-four hours to get out of France."

Born—Rath—In Esquesing, on Sunday, August 23, 1914, to Mr. and Mrs. James Rath, twin daughters.

New Democrats' Leader Coming To Acton Farm

Donald C. McDonald, leader of the New Democratic Party in Ontario will be speaking at a Corn Roast to be held by the Halton New Democrats on Saturday, September 19 at 8:00 p.m. Members will be taking part in the social evening at the farm of Otto Koing of Acton and corn and wieners will be cooked over an open fire for those attending.

Reg. Gisborne, MPP for West Worth East and his wife will also be present. The event has been convened under the chairmanship of Mrs. G. Barlow of Burlington, who is at present heading up the Halton New Democratic Women's Committee.

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Brownies, Guides Rangers Resume

The Brownies, Guides and Rangers are all set to start up their fall activities in the Scout Hall next week. No. 2 Brownie Pack meets on Monday at 4.30, No. 1 Brownie Pack on Tuesday at 4.30 and No. 3 Pack at 4.30 on Wednesday.

The Guides will meet on Wednesday at 7, and the Rangers at 8.30. New members are welcome in all groups. Members are reminded that their fee for the year is $1, and it would be nice to have this received at the first meeting!

The fellow who sits under the tree while his wife mows the lawn could be called a shady character. —Al Capp

QUOTE OF THE WEEK

He who is of a calm and happy nature will hardly feel the pressure of age, but to him who is of an opposite disposition, youth and age are equally a burden.

Plato

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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).

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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.