

Sugar and Spice...

BY BILL BAILEY

Living in a tourist town must be quite different from living in a town of corresponding size that has no link with the tourist industry.

I grew up in a small town that was just beginning to find its potential as a tourist town. Only a few cars in town were evident in July and August. Everybody thought the tourist business was a good thing and something should be done about it. A few people with large houses and small incomes, including my mother, put up signs and were not only hab-

bergested but delighted to rent huge, immaculate bedrooms for as much as \$2 a night. But on the whole, the tourist business was just a little extra gravy, and the town drowsed through the summer, the merchant leaning in their cool doors, waiting for six o'clock to come, so they could close up and hustle off to the ball park after gulping their supper.

What a difference from the clam-bum-thank-mam atmosphere of the modern tourist town!

Today the tourist business is not only a little extra gravy, it is the cream in the coffee, the

icing on the cake, the cheese with the apple pie and any other parishing you care to name yourself by imagining it is the difference between survival of the fittest and getting along nicely, thank you, in the business world.

For the grocer, the hardware store, the drug store, the tourist season is a mixture of exhilaration and exhaustion. The harmonious tune of the cash register is offset by the discordant scream of aching feet.

Aside from its economic injection, the tourist business has a very strong impact on the life of a small town. When the first visitors begin to arrive, in May and June, they are as welcome as the first flowers. They add color and excitement to the outside world, with their different accents and different clothes.

They are warmly welcomed, and not just for their financial contribution. Most of them are very nice, friendly people, and it is a pleasure to greet the regulars each year, on their first trip to the cottage. We have a little yarn about the winter we've spent, and like as not, they'll urge, "Now you be sure and come up to

the cottage and see us this summer. We'll have a cold one together."

They start to come in a trickle that quickly becomes a stream, then an avalanche. The pace quickens in the small town as every one turns to in an effort to cope with them. By mid-July, the whole town is throbbing with this ready addition to its life-stream. You can't find a place to park, shopping takes three times as long, and you can scarcely cross the street because of the constant stream of cars crawling through.

About this time, the tourist town has almost lost its identity and individuality. Merchant and resort operators are like fishermen who find themselves in the middle of a vast school of fish, like farmers in a tent on reaping the harvest before the first touch of frost kills it.

As August nears its end, and the golden days fall rapidly away, there is a little sadness in the air, as the tourist season nears its end, and the new and old friends among the campers are seen heading out of town with their sun-blacked children and their piled-up high cars.

But when Labor Day arrives, and the avalanche slows to a trickle, the town becomes a town again, not just a shopping centre. The citizens slow down, stretch their backs, and lay around at each other. Within a week, they have forgotten the scramble and the rush and the foolish business of making money, and, full of renewed interest in their town and themselves, get down to something serious, like planning a hunting trip or having a party.

Wedding, Holidays, Visitors Of Interest in District News

Congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. Luke Janssen, who were married in Cephus Christian Reformed Church, Peterborough, in an evening ceremony on Saturday. The bride was formerly Miss Helen Devries, a recent graduate in nursing. Luke will teach in Bowmanville and Helen will be on the hospital staff there.

Mrs. Janssen, Renne and Simon and Mr. and Mrs. Harry Janssen and Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Bentzen were guests at the wedding and reception. Simon was an usher.

Move Away
We regret the moving of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Brexton and family from our village. We are sorry to hear that little Boyd Brexton fell and broke his arm since he left.

Visitors
Sharon and June Peavoy of Hillsburg visited their sister, Mrs. Clarence Deforest for holidays recently. Major R. P. and Mrs. Bourne

and family of Pettawawa are visiting his parents here.

Mr. Paul Widdowson and Miss Mary Farmer of Toronto visited at the Roughley's during the weekend.

Holidays
Mr. Harvey McDowell and sister, Mrs. Osborne spent the week end with the Russell Ross's.

Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Moore and family have returned from a holiday with his parents at Kenora. The Rogers spent some ten days at their cottage near Dorset.

Mrs. Sanford and son, Wm. Sanford spent their holidays at their cottage at Penetanguishene. Norrie Noble is holidaying in Guelph with Cindy Campbell.

Mr. and Mrs. Bob Lindsay and family holidayed at Lake Dalrymple. Mr. T. H. Price visited with the Gordon Price's at Islington on the weekend.

Signs of Fall Seen in Area

Signs of fall are fast approaching: farmers busy harvesting; the odd maple tree turning color; and bored children peering into the windows of the new school, in anticipation of its opening.

Caretaker William Saunders is busy setting up new desks and getting things in shape for school opening.

After two months holiday the Women's Institute will be meeting at the home of Mrs. Stan Fuller for the first of its fall activities. A lawyer from Guelph will be guest speaker and the ladies are anticipating an interesting evening.

Mr. and Mrs. David Stewart and their grandchildren and Mrs. Ed Stewart and Mrs. Alice Stewart enjoyed a day at Wasaga Beach.

John Aitken, R.C.A.F., is home on leave before moving to his new post at Uggaville, Que.

First Prize
Congratulations to Beverly and Barry Bruce, who are members of a group of singers, known as "The Wanderers", all students of Elm District High School, who won first prize in a talent show at a park near Shelburne. Later they were guests on the Tommy Hunter Show, and have been invited to sing at the C.N.E.

A number of children from this locality are attending Daily Vacation Bible School at the Eviston Christian Church this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Ross McEwan and family attended the Highland Games at Terpus on Saturday.

Mrs. G. Smiter and Miss I. Bal spent several days last week with her son and daughter in law, Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Smiter and family, Niagara Falls.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Bulloch and three children from Colville, Saskatchewan, are visiting with the former's brothers, Ward and Byron and families.

Mrs. McKittrick Sr., of Shelburne spent a few days with her son and daughter in law Murray and Mrs. McKittrick and family.

Miss Katherine Goding of Toronto is holidaying with her sister and brother in law, Aleck and Mrs. Stewart.

Mr. and Mrs. George Grundy and Russell Mr. and Mrs. Robert Grundy and son attended the Black Knight celebrations in Grand Valley on Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Bulloch and family are spending a few days at their cottage at Kearney. Mrs. George Lang and Bonnie

Long-Time Resident Dies in 89th Year

Guests with Mr. and Mrs. F. Duffield saw her brother and sister-in-law and nephew, Mr. and Mrs. John Summers and Andrew of Hichin, England. They also visited at the Duffields' summer cottage at Sturgeon Point.

Granddaughter Victoria Anne from Whitby is a guest at Duffields'.

A long time resident of the district, Mrs. Henderson, passed away during the week in her 89th year.

Five Baptisms At Knox Church

On Sunday, August 15th, the following children were baptized at Knox Church by the minister, the Rev. Andrew H. McKenzie: Bart Robert and Tracy Lee Currie, children of Mr. and Mrs. George Currie, 40 Main St. S., John Mark Currie, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. Gary Bowden, 44 Victoria Ave., Luke Lynn Christine Heatley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Heatley, Jr., R.R. 3, Acton, and Kelli Beth Manes, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. Harold Manes, 31 Victoria Ave.

and the former's mother, Mrs. J. Wheeler of Guelph are spending a few days with relatives in Kingston.

Barry Jr. and Robert Clarke are assisting with the tobacco harvest near Alliston.

Mr. Albert Ford of Acton, who just returned from a three week holiday in Scotland, was a visitor with friends in the village on Saturday evening.

Mrs. Norman McKenzie and children and her mother, Mrs. Glasford of Hillsburgh are holidaying this week at Wasaga.

Mr. Forne Matthews of Port Huron visited recently with Mrs. M. Jackson and D. G. and Mrs. Robertson.

Messrs. William Brisbane, Eric Strandholt and Ken Smith spent the weekend fishing at Boboka pond, but report the catch as poor.

Mr. and Mrs. M. Parker and family, Hillsburgh, Mrs. Fleming and family from Bolton visited on Sunday with their mother, Mrs. C. Hills.

Church Vacation School Closing Program Friday

The theme this year for Bible Vacation school was "God's World" and the theme hymn chosen was "This is My Father's World".

The five morning sessions last week for the Ballinfad church were held at Churchill with an average attendance of 60 girls and boys ranging in age from 5 to 14.

Each day started off with a song led by George Bates, the student minister, assisted by Bob Black and his mother supplying the accompaniment on the piano and guitar. The group then divided into classes for study and activities on God's creation of the world.

The teachers in the kindergarten department were Miss Carol Swackhamer and her sister Linda who was unable to attend but helped with the program planning at home and Mrs. J. Black, primary, Mrs. Cowitt and Miss Dianne Shortill, junior, Mrs. Bud Anderson, Mrs. Chambers and

Miss Barbara Hilderbrandt, in intermediate, George Bates and Bob Black.

The weather was excellent for the week and each morning the children enjoyed a break with games and singing outdoors and the ladies of the U.C.W. of Churchill Church served refreshment and cookies.

On Friday evening a short program was presented by the children illustrating what they had learned during the week and the parents had the opportunity of seeing the handcraft of each class. The youngest children planted out seeds and several had sponsored by Friday night. The junior class presented a short play illustrating the world in outer space and the walk into space made by Edward White several months ago. This was very well performed by the youngsters and quite realistic.

Mr. Bates expressed thanks and appreciation to the session and

ladies of Churchill, the teachers and to the parents who provided transportation for a very successful Vacation School.

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The General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church in Canada, at its meeting in June approved the formation of this new Presbytery to accommodate needs of the Churches in this area and to facilitate the handling of Presbytery business.

The new Presbytery will consist of 220 charges and 32 preaching stations comprising Bolton and Nashville, Boston and Omagh, Brampton, Clarkson Road, Dixie, Erindale, Georgetown and Limehouse, Hopedale, Milton and Hornby, Norval and Union, Oakville, Port Credit, Streetsville and Knox Sixteen (all from the Presbytery of West Toronto); Grand Valley and South Luther, Hillsburg and Price's Corners, Caledon East and Caledon and Claude, Erin and Ospringe, Orangeville and Waldemar (all from Orangeville presbytery); and Acton, Campbellville and Nassagaweya (from the Presbytery of Guelph).

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THE CHURCH OF ST. ALBAN THE MARTYR ANGLICAN Corner Willow and St. Alban's Drive Rev. Ritoble McMurray M.A., S.T.B. SUNDAY, AUGUST 22nd, 1965 10th Sunday after Trinity 8:00 a.m.—Holy Eucharist. 10:00 a.m.—Choral Eucharist.	TRINITY CHURCH (The United Church of Canada) Minister The Rev. Dwight I. Engel, B.A., B.D., Organist Mr. George Elliott, M.A., Ph.D. Sunday School discontinued for summer.	PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN CANADA KNOX CHURCH, ACTON Rev. Andrew H. McKenzie, B.A., B.D., Minister Mr. E. A. Hansen, B.A. Organist and Choir Master
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