

Editorial Page

Unenviable Record . . .

Some records we're proud of, but Canada's record for the highest per capita fire loss is one that we'd be glad to let someone else have. Experts estimate that the annual cost of fire in Canada, both direct and indirect, is not less than \$750,000,000 and that each citizen's share of this tremendous figure is \$38.99.

Not many of us would turn down a cash gift of \$40 and yet millions of Canadians do so year after year, simply by insisting on the foolish belief that fire prevention is strictly for others.

Fire can only continue to hit "the other guy" for so long. Sooner or later the law of averages is bound to make your home, your business or your family a possible target.

It is a simple fact that over 90 per cent of all fires are caused by human carelessness. In the face of rising levels of education, it is difficult to understand how Canadians can be so foolish when it comes to the elementary principles and practices that are all that good fire prevention requires.

Learn all you can about fire prevention and put what you learn into practice every day. Check those heavy fuses, don't leave children unattended, don't hoard combustible junk in quantities that stagger the imagination. Apply common sense to the need for fire prevention. It's about time Canada got rid of the record it has held for years.

Distortions are Dangerous . . .

Opposition leaders howl that Canadian car prices are still above those in the U.S. They talk about \$50 million saving in import duties that hasn't been passed on to the consumer. They ignore, comments The Financial Post, the real purpose of the auto pact — more jobs for Canadians in a more efficient competitive auto industry, and a reduction in our painful deficit on autos and parts.

No responsible government in Ottawa could allow that situation to remain unchanged. Other countries, in far less one-sided circumstances, have hiked tariffs. But this would have led to retaliation and a sharp increase in car prices in Canada. The only solution is a mutually satisfactory trans-border arrangement that achieves a more equitable division of the market. That is what the U.S.-Canada auto agreement does. The Post points out:

This scheme will have succeeded if it brings

Canadian production and consumption more nearly in line, if it makes more new jobs here and reduces our gaping trade deficit. That is why the auto producers were given incentives to expand. That is why parts producers are offered special financial help to install new facilities.

Already, vast new expansion is planned, much is underway, and thousands of new jobs are being generated. If, as expected, the industry does become more efficient, competition will bring price benefits as well.

Messrs. Diefenbaker and Douglas may attempt to make political yardage on the red-hating issue of present car prices to the Canadian consumer, but in so doing, they exhibit an opportunism that is shortsighted, destructive, and dangerous to the long-term prosperity of the whole country.

LET'S PLAY BRIDGE

By Bill Coats

Do you like to pick up a big hand? How does 21 points suit you? What do you do with 21 points when the opponents bid your best suits. Do you punish them as they should be punished? A good example of this occurred last week at the Acton Bridge Club. This is hand number 12. The dealer is east and north-south are vulnerable.

North		South	
S-7 4 2	H-10 7 5 4 3	D-K J 10 7	C-9
West		East	
S-O 8 6	H-A Q	D-A 2	C-A K 10 7 2
South		North	
S-A K J 9	H-K 9 2	D-8 4	C-O J 8 6

The bidding: East Pass South West North Pass 1 C Dblc. All Pass 1 D Dblc. All Pass

Look at West's hand. Nineteen points in high cards and two points for distribution—21 points in all. When South opens one club, West doubles. This is an opening bid and requesting partner to bid his best suit. East obliged by bidding his diamond suit. South didn't feel like giving up so he bid one spade.

West figured that, since North-South were vulnerable, the best way to make points was to bet South a few tricks for his indiscretion.

West lead the club king in order to get a look at dummy. When a singleton king showed up he switched to a trump to cut down club ruffs in dummy. South won and lead the club queen but West refused to cover so South discarded a heart from dummy. The club jack was lead covered by West

and ruffed in dummy. A heart was lead and ducked all around to West's queen.

West didn't like the idea of giving South another free finesse in trump so he lead the ace of diamonds and a small diamond. Dummy's king of diamonds won and a heart was lead — West's ace winning.

West is in a spot since he has no good lead. If he leads a club dummy will ruff and if he leads a spade, declarer gets a free finesse. If West is not careful, South will make an overtrick.

Why do I present this hand? It is a reminder to some and a lesson to others that good doubles are not always made on strong hands. If East-West's points were more evenly distributed between the two hands I am sure South would have been set. Think twice before you double with a big hand — you may be so strong that you'll have trouble getting off the lead.

Last week's winners were: first, Harry Frost and Bill Hamilton, second, Bill Barbour and Bob Dickson; third, Jack Coats and Mrs. A. Dawson.

POEM (Verse 2)

But the moments speed onward and on comes the moon.
Yet still I am singing, "He'll come very soon."
And so I am watching from morning till night,
And pluming my wings to be ready for flight.
(To be Continued)

This Sunday's Church Calendar

ACTON BAPTIST CHURCH
Founded 1842
Pastor: Rev. Stanley Gammon
Res. 144 Tides Ave., Ph. 853-1615.
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 10th, 1965
9:45 a.m.—Church School. Classes for all ages. You are welcome.
11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship, "God's Millionaires."
Evening service will be cancelled to allow us to attend the Anniversary Services of the Hillsburgh Baptist Church. Time 7:30. They will cancel for us on October 24.
Mission Band—Wednesday, October 6, at 4 o'clock.
Prayer and Bible study at 7:30.
Thursday is Choir practice, 7:30. Friday is B.H.F. at 7:00.
Text: "But God forbid that I should glory save in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ."
Galatians 6, 14.

MAPLE AVENUE BAPTIST CHURCH
(Georgetown)
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 10th, 1965
9:45 a.m.—Sunday School.
11:00 a.m.—Morning Service.
7:00 p.m.—Evening Service.
Wednesday, 8 p.m.—Prayer meeting.
Acton 853-1956
Georgetown 877-6665

BIRTH-EL BAPTIST CHURCH
Acton, Ontario.
Rev. Wiebe Van Dijk
Phone 853-1585
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 10th, 1965
10:00 a.m.—English Service.
2:30 p.m.—Dutch Service.
3:45 p.m.—Sunday School.

ACTON PENTECOSTAL TABERNACLE
P.A.O.C.
33 Churchill Road
Rev. S. M. Thoman, Pastor
853-2715
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 10th, 1965
10:00 a.m.—Sunday School for all ages.
11:00 a.m.—Morning Service.
7:00 p.m.—Evening Service.
Tuesday, 8 p.m.—Prayer Service and Bible Study.
Thursday — C.A.'s will be attending service in Elmira Pentecostal Tabernacle at 8 p.m.
Coming, if possible, Rev. A. J. Turvey, D.D., Th.B., Th.M., of Detroit, Mich., outstanding Bible lecturer and author. Hear his dynamic voice on Bible prophecy Oct. 24 thru Nov. 7.
Watch paper for further notice.

THE CHURCH OF ST. ALBAN THE MARTYR
ANGELICAN
Corner Willow and St. Alban's Drive
Rev. Ritchie McMurray
M.A., S.T.B.
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 10th, 1965
Trinity XVII
9:00 a.m.—Holy Eucharist.
10:30 a.m.—Morning Prayer.
10:30 a.m.—Church School.

ATTEND THE CHURCH OF YOUR FAITH SUNDAY.

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, OCTOBER 10th, 1965
CHURCH SCHOOL
9:30 a.m.—Grades 4 - 8.
11:00 a.m.—Nursery to Grade 3.
SERVICES OF WORSHIP
9:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m.
All Cordially Invited
7:30 p.m.—Young People, 14 yrs. Grade 9 or over.
All Cordially Invited

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
SUNDAY, OCTOBER 10th, 1965
9:45 a.m.—Church School.
10:00 a.m.—Minister's Teen - Age Bible Class.
11:00 a.m.—Thanksgiving Worship. Sermon theme, "The Memory of God's Great Goodness."
(Supervised Nursery for babies and tots during entire service and Junior Congregation for children 3 to 7 years, during sermon.)
Sunday, October 17, 11 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. — 120th Anniversary Services. Guest preacher, The Rev. R. Forbes Thomson, Guelph.
Everyone Most Welcome



HIGH SCHOOL GIRLS modelling fashions Thursday of last week at the school thoroughly enjoyed wearing the latest styles. Front left to right are Sylvia Hanousek with a one-piece, black and white, open-check outfit with leather hat; June O'Gorman, wearing a one-piece knitted braid dress. Others include Zenith Armstrong, modelling a two-piece suede coat and dress; Anna May Buschmeyer, modelling a one-piece dress complete with jacket, Nancy Gordon with a sleeveless jacket and skirt; Joan Gibbons wearing a one-piece suit and Roberta Nessitt wearing a combination navy and white checked outfit.

Sugar and Spice . . .

BY BILL BAILEY

I've been reading a fascinating book about the ancient Romans. Meditating on their economy and social customs, I couldn't avoid comparing them with ours today.

Like us, the Romans of the Golden Age were nuts about highways. The Roman Empire had over 60,000 miles of thru-ways. Italy alone had about 400 paved roads. These enabled Caesar to travel 900 miles in eight days. A messenger sent to announce the death of Nero made 300 miles in 36 hours. Today it takes almost that long to get home from the cottage, on a holiday weekend.

Like us, the Romans were interested in things that worked. Unlike the Egyptians and the Greeks, who built massive, or beautiful, but useless structures like the pyramids or the Parthenon, the Romans were great boys for the waterworks and sewage and stadiums.

Like us, they were in the toils of the bankers, with all their diabolical inventions: savings books, travellers' cheques, money orders, inter-

est and mortgages.

Like us, they had a hybrid government, half socialist, half capitalist. It froze the price of wheat and plunged into public works to solve unemployment, but did nothing about slum landlords, exorbitant interest rates and shady used horse dealers. Sound familiar?

Like us, they practised birth control and abortion was common. Unless she was hard up, a Roman woman who had had a child got rid of it immediately by turning it over to a wet-nurse, then to a Greek slave governess, then to a Greek tutor. We don't have wet-nurses and we don't have slaves, but we have a baby sitter and the public schools system.

Like us, they divorced each other indiscriminately. Caesar had four wives and was unfaithful to all of them.

Then entertainment was much like ours: horse races, the theatre, variety shows, gladiatorial contests. And just as today, the chariot drivers, actors and gladiators were idol-

ized and paid 8,000 times what they were worth.

Of course, the Romans were cruel. After the city was almost destroyed by fire, emperor Nero blamed the Christians, and had the whole lot, or so he thought, thrown to the lions, all 10,000 of them. We'd never think of doing that today. It's too vicious, too flamboyant. Today we quietly stuff six million Jews into gas chambers, or incinerate 100,000 Japanese with a big blow torch.

The ladies will be glad to know that Roman women were just as silly as they are, about their looks. It was three hours every morning over the hands, assisted by half a dozen slaves. Underwear was of silk and the braisers was just coming in. The milk bath was common and wealthy gals who were travelling brought along their own herd of cows to be sure of a decent bath.

Bathrooms, as today were littered with razors, scissors, soap, perfume, oils, powders, hair brushes and all that muck. No

The Good Old Days . . .

20 YEARS AGO

Taken from the issue of the Free Press, Thursday, Oct. 4, 1945.

There have been many heart-rending tragedies of the war, but none more so than the word that came to Mr. and Mrs. Neil McNabb and family that their son, Staff Sgt. Neil L. McNabb had been killed in the English train wreck when 41 lives were lost. He had been slated to sail on the Ile de France draft but was given leave in England and was going to visit friends in Scotland.

He was one of Acton's fine young men. He was a keen student of astrology and later archaeology and continued his studies overseas, becoming associated with professors in England and Scotland. He planned to continue his studies on his return. He leaves his parents, brother Colin in Nassau and sister Rita at home.

An unusual number of men returned home this past week. Gnr. Ken McDonald of Crewson's Gunners is welcomed back. Sgt. Bill Withers has been five years in the Dental Corps. Gnr. Jim Huard was four years overseas. R.S.M. Jack Alger served in Africa, Sicily, Italy, Holland, Belgium. Pte. J. Nadwell arrived. Pte. Gerald Anderson was twice wounded.

50 YEARS AGO

Taken from the issue of the Free Press, Thursday, Oct. 7, 1915.

Sgt. F. W. Coles, who has been incapacitated for service, is expected home from the hospital in England this week. Mrs. Coles and Ernie will accompany him.

Mr. James Rath of the Fifth Line has purchased a farm at St. George and will remove there this month.

At the County Council this week, a grant of \$150 was made to the County Fair, and \$75 each to Acton, Burlington, Oakville and Georgetown.

Lieut. John Henderson Jr. of the 61st Battalion, Winnipeg, spent a day or so at the home of his grandfather, D. Henderson, M.P.

Edward Ryder and John Mowat have formed a partnership and will commence the manufacture of leather gloves and mitts in the premises over Caldwell's machinery warehouses on Mill St.

The Epworth League gave a large audience a very enjoyable evening on Tuesday on the occasion of their autumn rally. An excellent program was given, concluding with a delectable pie social.

With the town of Burlington still to report, Halton has contributed \$42,107.75 to the Patriotic Fund.

The second annual field day of the Public and High School was held on Friday afternoon. Baseball matches and races were on the list of events and lunch was partaken on the school grounds.

Mr. H. R. Swackhamer of the Wallaceburg Knitting Co. has been interviewed by the council with regard to establishing a knitting factory in Acton.

The Free Press has received a letter from Sgt. H. S. Harwood, who is in hospital at Shorncliffe, for the second time, telling of meeting some of the Acton boys and says "Keep the home fire burning" for they soon will be matching home again.

Died — Hall: At the home of her parents, Church St., on Wednesday, September 25, 1915, Ethel Hunter, wife of George Hall.

Died — Ramsey: At Eden Mills on Friday, October 1, 1915, John Ramsey, in his 91st year.

everywhere, though, to hit you in the face. Hair styles were fantastic.

And they had some great parties in those days. They began at four in the afternoon and lasted far into the night. Not like our stodgy affairs which commence with cocktails at five, and last far into the morning.

At their parties, or orgies, the air was perfumed, flowers were

I sure would like to get in on a good old orgy. Why does a fellow have to be born 2,000 years too late?

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