for nature

Spring provides one of the most dramatic examples of the magic of nature. Leaves are transformed from bud to full bloom. Tiny seeds shoot up as the warm sun and rain nurtures them. A whole new cycle of life begins from the bird nest to the large animal lair.

In the rush that attends modern living, much of it goes unnoted and often with little understanding. Some school authorities have developed what we consider is an admirable way of teaching the wonders of the natural science that surrounds us. The development of the natural science school takes a limited number of students for a limited period of time for concentrated exposure to natural science.

The Albion Hills Conservation School, developed by the Metropolitan Toronto and Region Conservation Authority through its foundation, is a prime example. During the school year students. accompanied by their teachers from schools in the province and particularly Metropolitan Toronto region, live in residence five days at a time. The school is used on weekends for classes and groups wishing to study conservation.

Subjects on the curriculum include such things as forest conservation, flood control, weather; fish and wildlife, pioneer life, astronomy, ornithology hikes and fishing trips.

The school accommodates 40 students, a staff of qualified teachers who will act as counsellors and instructors. The program is geared to senior elementary students and junior high school stu-

Establishment of such a school to serve the entire county of Halton seems quite feasible and a worthy project for the Halton Region Conservation Authority in co-operation with studies possibly by the County Consultative Committee on education. Halton Region Conservation Authority embraces almost all of Halton. Acton itself falls under the jurisdiction of the Credit Valley Conservation Authority.

Metropolitan Toronto was recently advertising for a suitable site for another school within a 50 mile radius of the city. If some local area was available on which the two projects could be effectively located, it would seem worthy of investigation.

Spring is only one of the seasons worthy of observation. Every season has its peculiarities and its own drama. Too often in this age we rush past the treasures of nature. Only a small boy has time to study a fish worm, a caterpillar or a nesting bird. Surely some of these are the things that should be carried to adult life where star gazing, or bird watching can become a relaxing

The interest stimulated at a conservation or natural science school could well work wonders in the future adult life. Is it possible that Halton students might have such worthwhile exposure?

Farmers leaving land . . .

June is Dairy Month . . . and while the Canadian population continues to expand, and the demand for dairy products continues to increase, a matter for the concern of all Canadians is "Where will the milk come from in future?"

Cow numbers are the lowest they have been in 45 years and the number of farmers keeping cows has declined to the lowest level since World War II. In the intervening years production per cow and per farmer has increased at a rate which generally exceeded consumer demand, but for the past five years there has been no appreciable increase in national production, and indeed, in 1965 production actually fell below 1964 levels.

The recent moves taken by the government to establish higher prices to farmers for milk may or may not have the desired effect; namely to stimulate production and farm income. The farmer,

however, is a victim of another situation which is only indirectly related to the economics of dairy farming. As the farmer is called upon to become more and more efficient, and this generally implies that he should become bigger, the need for help in the operation of his farm becomes more acute.

Consistent with this need is a growing disenchantment on the part of experienced dairy farm labor with the demanding nature of a dairy farm. Good men are leaving this field to seek employment where they can enjoy a five day, 40 hour week, with weekends free. Many of the best dairy farmers have prematurely retired because of the failure to obtain satisfactory help.

If no solutions to the problems of dairy production are found it is possible that Canada will be put in the ludicrous position of importing dairy products into a country which is one of the last agricultural reservoirs in the world.



Sugar and Spice

by bill smiley



after church the other day. My daughter had a bad cold, and was generally owly. She didn't think much of God.

"How can God let so many people in the world be starving?" she wanted to know. Well, it's a fair question.

Her mother and I tried to explain that it was not God's doing, but man's. We said it was man's greed, insecurity and fear that made us live like kings (far better than Medieval kings in fact), while hundreds of millions of people in the world, our brothers, starved and died of illness unnecessarily.

She wasn't buying any. "It all sounds pretty foggy to me," she grumped. "I don't think much of God, if that's the way He runs things."

I asked her what she'd do about the situation. Like all kids, she didn't know, except to repeat that it was all wrong.

Well, you can't have a 15-year-old sitting around running down God; so like all fathers since the cave-days, I tried to come up with an answer.

First, I explained that the government did a great deal to help less fortunate countries, with our taxes. When she cornered me on details, I had to admit that it was a drop in the bucket with a lot of strings attached (try that metaphor on for size). I further admitted that government could not do much more without creating a hue and cry among the taxpayers.

In desperation, I looked around for someone else to blame. "The churches should take the lead, and start a nationwide campaign to help feed the hungry." My wife reminded me that we give a buck a week to missions. "Yes, and all these piddling church missions add up to a spit in the ocean," says I.

"So what would you do, Mr. Smart Alex?" says she.

"So I can probably think of something, Mrs. Wise Guy," say I. And I did. The result is National Tighten-Your-Belt-

It's very simple. For one week a year, every Canadian family willing to help will live on a bare subsistance allowance. The difference between that and the normal

cost of living goes into the pot. Every We were sitting around bickering cent of this pot goes to buy food, clothing, contraceptive pills and other necessities for the vast, poor, down-trodden masses of the world.

> It's hard to believe that this worldshaking concept took seed and blossomed right there in our living-room. But it did. Swiftly we did some figuring. It was rough, but close enough.

> The average family spends from \$20 to \$30 a week on food. One week a year we exist on 5 per family. It could be done, you! know. Lots of rice, macaroni, porridge, bread, home-made soup. Water instead of coffee, tea, milk, beer. The same week we walk everywhere and save \$3 on gas. We turn off the furnace and learn what it's like to be cold. We clean our teeth with salt. We avoid shaving and hair spray and deodorants and drugs and cigarets. We wear nylons with runs. We turn off the hydro, except for cooking, and use candles.

The average family could kick about \$30 into the kitty. Take a town of 10,000 population. Let's say a minimum of 1,000 families. That's \$30,000. That will pay for a lot of wheat, penicillin, and birthcontrol pills. Multiply this modest token by all the families in Canada, and you could jack up India in about two years.

I know, I know. You've already picked 84 holes in the plan. All the supermarkets would go broke if they lost a week's business. Well there's no reason they couldn't tighten their belts, too, for a week.

All the fruit and vegetables and meat would rot. Not if the producers knew such a week was coming, and planned for it.

The provincial government would collapse, if it lost a week's taxes on booze and beer. I doubt it. A few miles of highway might not be built. So what?

Seriously, I think it would be fun. Many people would take part because it is something concrete, rather than a vague thing like foreign aid or missions.

And there'd be beneficial side effects. Slimmer waistlines. A new slant on our good life. And I can guarantee that after three days of macaroni, the squirrels in our attic would never be a problem again. They'd be stew.

20 years ago

Tree Press

Taken from the issue of The Free Press of Thursday, June 6, 1946.

A very pretty wedding was solemnized on June 1 in St. Joseph's Church, Acton when Reta Victoria Allison, daughter of Mr, Benson Allison and the late Mrs, Allison of Truro, N.S. became the bride of Norman Joseph Braida, son of Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Braida. The nuptial mass was celebrated by Rev. Father V. J. Morgan with Armand and Lino Braida, cousins of the groom, as altar boys. The choir was under the direction of Mr. S. Didero accompanied at the organ by Miss Irene Mulholland. Mrs. George Hennigar of Truro was her sister's only attendant. N. Braida was groomsman.

Miss Mary Papillon held a shower for the bride and friends and neighbors honored the couple at the home of Mrs. A.

On Empire Day the following students won Duke of Devonshire I.O.D.E. awards - Dick Woods, Shirley Fryer, Ronnie Cripps, June Brown, Helen Keelan, Adele Chew, Shirley Wilson, Faye Dawkins, Verena Johnson, Bobby Dennis, Peggy Oakes, Betty Fosbury, Evelyn Massey, Bernice Sargent, Bobby Landsborough, loyce McCullough, Raymond Braida, Margaret Dennis.

At the annual meeting of the Y.M.CA. Johnny Gray was welcomed back. New directors elected were Dr. D. Garrett, Thos. Jones and Frank Terry.

In the University of Toronto results Miss Jean Barber of the Continuation School staff received her Bachelor of Arts

50 years ago

Taken from the Issue of The Free Press of Thursday, June 8, 1916.

The upper part of the bowling green has been wired off for tennis.

Rev. J. C. Wilson left Monday for the General Assembly of the Presbyterian Church at Winnipeg. This will be a historical meeting as the great union question will receive some kind of settlement.

Officers of Knox Church Young Peoples Guild are: Hon. President, Lance-Corp. Ernest Barr; president Miss Jean Renwick, vice-pres. Mr. W. Hunter; secretary Alex Mann; treasurer Miss Luella Reed; pianist Miss Hazel Agnew; assistant pianist Miss Jean Wilson; conveners of committees, Rev. Wilson, Miss Daisy Folster, Miss Laura Aikins, Mrs. Robert Davidson, Wilfred McDonald

Actonians will now add to their many virtues one of early rising, the new plan of Daylight Saving having been adopted. Acton will have the shortest Sunday the people have ever known this week. Is it fair to the young men to shorten their Sunday evening call?

A shock which stirred the whole country came in the bulletin telling of the death of Lord Kitchener by drowning on his way to Russia with his staff on an important mission. The ship was struck by a mine or torpedo. His army remains to do the work for which he fashioned and trained it.

A recent road safety meeting came up with a proposal to make rewards to good drivers. But the system's already in operation and good drivers can claim their reward daily. It's called survival.

A great deal of credit is due the pupils of Bannockburn school who raised \$11.75. for Red Cross purposes, Miss Antoinette Uren is teacher and there are 18 pupils on

Back Issues

75 years ago

Taken from the Issue of The Free Press of Thursday, June 11, 1891,

Upon receipt of the news of the death of Sir John McDonald the flags were hoist. ed at half mast and so remain. All places of business close this afternoon and the town bell will toll at the time for final services.

The news was announced at Earnscliffe Saturday night. The representatives of the press turned to the adjacent tent where the telegraph instruments were already clicking out the fatal news to newspapers in all parts of the English-speaking world. The most prominent figure in public life in Canada for the past 40 years has disappeared forever. But a few days ago he was sitting in the councils of the nation. The people of Ottawa did not need to enquire the meaning of the tolling of the belt that night.

There are all kinds of rumors afloat who is to be called by Lord Stanley to be the new Premier.

From county council minutes it will be observed that an unfair advantage was taken of the towns and villages in the refusal to allow the equalized assessment.

Do not throw your waste paper on the streets! It may cause a skittish horse to run away.

Rev. Joseph Edge has been appointed the new pastor of the Methodist church. Mr. Jos. Lasby intends raising his barn at Bannockburn.

. Messrs. Harris and Co., Rockwood, are doing a rushing business. A large quantity of wool is being brought in and the vicinity of the mill looks like a fair.

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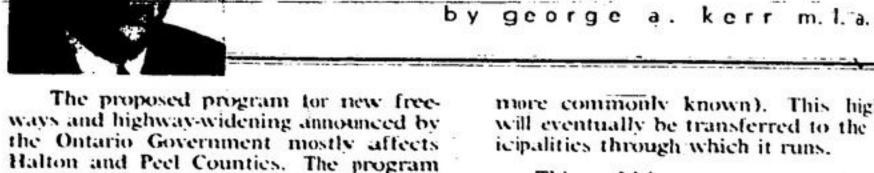
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Press Church

by harry harley m.p.



over a 20 year period. Between Burlington and Toronto the changes planned are as follows:

is estimated to cost between \$500,000,000

and \$700,000,000 and to be implemented

· Extension of new Highway 403 from Burlington to Toronto running between Highway No. 5 and present 401 and to end at Highway 27 in Metro Toronto. This highway is to run in a northerly direction crossing Highway 5 in Burlington just east of the Guelph Line, and then running pretty well parallel to Highway 5, ending at Highway 27.

 New highway to be called Belfield Freeway from Metro Toronto to Georgetown running north of Brampton. This will be of great benefit to the northern area of our county.

 Bronte Road between Highway 5 and Q.E.W. in Oakville to be completely rebuilt. I hope this will be a new leg of Highway 25 running from Milton.

 Widening of Highway 25 between Number 5 and Acton.

· Widening of Number 5 Highway between Hamilton area and Toronto.

· New highway to connect Q.E.W. and 403 in the area of the Ninth Line in Oakville. This will help ease traffic on the Q.E.W. approaching Metro Toronto.

 Highway 10 between Port Credit and Brampton to be widened. It is interesting to note that the Department does not intend to widen High-

way 2 (or the Lakeshore Road as it is

more commonly known). This highway will eventually be transferred to the municipalities through which it runs.

Queen's Park Report

This ambitious program together with the Province's plans for rapid transit in this area should help make travelling less heetic and more convenient.

Another welcomed announcement is the plan of the Ontario Department of Health to assist ambulance operators. The legislation will regulate standards for vehicles, equipment and training of personnel and attendants.

The object of this Bill is to provide Ontario with ambulance service of high quality organized in a way that will ensure efficiency and quick service. The Bill provides financial relief for the time being by way of a 50 per cent grant of the amount now spent by a municipality, local Board of Health, public hospital or a nonprofit organization as the case may be. In other words, if Milton, for example, now provides a grant of say \$6,000, then \$3,000 will now be paid by the Province.

It is hoped that the municipality will not decrease the amount of these grants so that most operators will, in fact, receive up to a 50 per cent increase, if necessary, to offset their operating costs. Further, if there is not a grant in existance, ambulance operators may enter into an agreement directly with the Department of Health to receive financial assistance.

We must have efficient and effective ambulance service and I predict that eventually it will be part of regular health services under the Ontario Hospital Services Commission.

was spent on each of two vital matters to the economy of Canada. One day was spent on the question of tolls on the St. Lawrence Scaway. In this matter I think almost every member, regardless of his party, spoke out against the increase of tolls which would increase shipping costs and again raise the cost of living. The other matter discussed under Estimates of the Department of Labor was the dock strike in Montreal. This issue is not clearcut and is a very difficult matter but it is hoped that the differences will be settled

soon. Many vital matters are involved

here, such as wheat shipments and Expo

In the past week one day of debate

An Interim Supply Motion to pay Government bills for June passed quickly. The Bill reorganizing six Government Departments finally passed-after several days of debate and will soon become law. One of the four Bills to give Government employees bargaining right and the right to arbitration and in some cases strike, has passed and the remaining three Bills should be considered in the immediate

tuture. In this column I would like to say a lew words about the Old Age Pension (Old Age Security Pension). The age for receiving this Pension is progressively being reduced and there are some people who are in fact eligible for the Pension now but who have not applied and are therefore not receiving this. This Pension is administered by the Department of National Health and Welfare. Under the terms of the Act, a monthy pension of \$75, is paid, upon application, to all persons who meet the age and residence requirements. Age and residence are not the only considerations. Canadian citizenship is not required for eligibility. The age at which pension becomes payable is being gradually reduced from 70 to 65. Beginning in

January, 1966, pension was payable at age 69; beginning in January, 1967, at age 68; and so on, until by January, 1970, the eligible age will be 65.

Residence requirements:

An applicant for pension may quality

has resided in Canada for the ten years immediately proceding the approval of his application, or

has been present in Canada at any time prior to the ten years mentioned above for periods which equal, when totalled, at least twice the length of his absences during the ten-year period, and has resided in Canada for at least one year immediately preceding the approval of his application, or.

has resided in Canada after attaining 18 years of age for an aggregate period of at least 40 years prior to the approval of this application.

Some types of absences from Canada during the qualifying periods referred to above are considered not to interrupt resi. dence. These may include absences due to the employment of an applicant or the spouse of an applicant. All facts about such absences should be given to the Regional Director.

These three methods of meeting residence requirements are the only ones provided by law. No allowances are made for any exceptions.

Application for Pension:

It you were born prior to November, 1897 you should have made your application by now. It takes six months to process and confirm residence and age requirements. So always apply six months prior to your date of receiving your pension. If you have any questions about date or details on requirements, you should pick up an application form from any post office.

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Thursday—Choir practice, 7.30. Thought for the Week: "This Jesus hath God raised up, where of we all are witnesses. Acts 2:32.

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