

Drive with skill and care...

If you're planning to head out on the highways this Victoria Day weekend heed the advice of Ontario's minister of transport.

In a special message to holiday motorists the Hon. Irwin Hackett said:

"Strict observance of traffic laws can help keep the accident rate down. Policemen have the job of enforcing the traffic laws, but they can't be everywhere at once. If all drivers would voluntarily police themselves and abide by the rules of the road, we would see a sharp reduction in the total number of accidents."

The 1966 Victoria Day weekend claimed 54 traffic accident victims in Ontario.

There'll be a lot of other people on

the roads this weekend, too, with a variety of destinations in mind. They'll be driving cars loaded with families and camping gear. Many will be pulling boats or other trailers. You'll need to be a skillful and careful driver to get through holiday traffic safely.

Canadians, exhausted by the long winter, seem to head for the carefree vacation spots in increasing numbers on the first holiday weekend. Unfortunately the carefree thoughts sometimes leads to carefree driving and this is reflected in higher accident tolls.

We're all apt to get careless at times, especially on roads we are familiar with.

Drive carefully this weekend. The life you save may be your own.

Free Press Editorial Page

Computers challenge humans...?

Are we within 40 or 50 years of producing computers that will rank with intelligent beings?

Don't laugh, some people not only believe but would like to see this happen.

Professor N. S. Sutherland of Britain's Essex University believes so in the light of what a handful of scientists have achieved within the past 25 years and the fact that the human effort being put into this field is increasing by leaps and bounds.

Already, he notes, computers have done many things, if done by a person, would have been regarded as creative and original. Though they have composed no great symphonies, they have turned out what he calls "tolerable" melodies.

One computer recently produced an elegant new proof of an elementary theorem in Euclidean geometry. Another has been programmed to become a world master at checkers, learning from its own mistakes, and improving its game playing against experts.

All of which is very impressive, as are the increasingly sophisticated tasks which they are assuming within industry. We can reasonably expect them to perform even more remarkably in the years ahead, as they take over more and more of the routine, deadening jobs, freeing human beings for better things.

But, when it comes to creativity and originality, we suspect that plain old Homo Sapiens will still have the edge even 40 or 50 years hence.

The smartest computer of the day will still be merely the mechanical, albeit complex, product of human ingenuity, a soulless apparatus lacking that divine spark which alone can ignite true genius.

The melodies may have improved, along with the geometric sums; yet Mozart and Euclid, no less than Shakespeare and Keats, we suspect, remain untapped.

Checker players, on the other hand, may well find the going even rougher.

Enviably record...

On May 19, some 6,000 girls and boys from ten Canadian provinces will converge in Ottawa, Ontario to participate in the 7th National School Safety Patrol Jamboree parade sponsored by the Canadian Automobile Association and constituent motor clubs. Several from Acton and district will participate, sponsored by the Hamilton Automobile Club.

Since they were established in the early 1930's in Canada, the death rate involving school age children plunged downward, dropping nearly one-half. In no other area of traffic safety has this performance been equalled. Never, since its inception, has a child under the care of Patrols been fatally injured.

Apart from their value in traffic safety, there are many other benefits

which accrue to those who participate in the School Safety Patrols. In his welcoming letter to the participants in the 1966 jamboree, His Excellency Georges Vanier, Governor General of Canada, pointed this out by saying, "Your dedication to this work develops appreciation of responsibility and your awareness of the needs of good citizenship. You learn the importance of respect for, and co-operation with law enforcement agencies. Later in life your service with Safety Patrols will help you become better drivers, deepening your respect for the rights of others and will develop qualities and attitudes within you which will serve for a lifetime."

Against this background of valuable community service, let us tip our hats to the youngster in the white or orange Sam Browne belt. May his contribution not go unrewarded.



Centennial Picture Gallery



FIRST BOOK and second book classes were ranged at the front door of the old school in 1911 for this photograph. The three teachers behind them are Ena Pearson, Minnie Holmes (Moore) and Ruby Clark. How many of the students can you identify? George and Bessie

Musselle, who lent the class picture, can see Madeleine Gibbons, Alice Johnstone Rumley, Elsie Stewart, Eddie Landsborough, Herb Ritchie, Stella McLam Adamson, Sabra Nelson MacArthur, Ray Agnew and Lloyd Mesaless.



EVERTON'S OLD GRIST MILL is a favorite haunt for fishermen and photographers who search for lively brown trout and river scenes respectively in the quaint Eramosa village. The mill was the starting point for all settlement along the rocky Eramosa's banks. (Staff Photo)



Sugar and Spice

by bill smiley

First trout-fishing trip of the year is like a good spring tonic. It cleanses you physically and spiritually. And leaves you exhausted.

I had mine last Saturday. The important thing in going after speckled trout, of course, is the careful planning. There's no use to it at all if you just throw your fishing gear in the car, and go out to some stream where all the amateurs angle, and toss in a line. You are liable to come home with a creel full of fish if you go at it in this haphazard way.

No. First of all, you select a fishing companion. This, to a real angler, is just a bit less important than choosing a mate for life. You want a dependable chap — the type who is going to have fresh worms for both of you, a good supply of hooks, maps with the sure-fire holes marked in red, and an infallible sense of direction in the bush.

That's exactly what I lined up this year. Mind you, those keen types take a bit of managing. They're great in the bush, but they need an organizational mind to channel their energies. I had to get quite firm with him when he began muttering about 4 a.m. and hitting the stream at dawn.

Dawn, indeed. I told him that is pure superstition. Only the very young, immature angler goes floundering off in the dark, fishes like a fool until noon then is whacked for the day. Just about then, the wily, mature angler, fortified with a good breakfast, arrives and slaughters the trout, which are completely unprepared for the second wave — the experts.

Well, we got away about 10.30, after a couple of false starts. He forgot his lunch and we had to go around to his place. And when we got out to the County Line, I realized that because of his stupidity, I'd been upset and had forgotten my waders.

But he had a beautiful spot picked out. You park the car just off the road, and walk up this hydro line to the stream. The stream was just in there past the fourth hydro tower, he thought. It was just past the 14th. And they're 100 yards apart.

Not another angler in sight. I gloated. We cached the lunch and began working up the stream. I like that word we anglers use. "Working." You couldn't hire a man to do it for \$80 an hour. Slash in the face from an alder. Hole in the boot from a snag. Slide from a log and oh-oh-oh as you hit that spring fed water. Lose a boot in the mud. Scratch hands to a bloody mess on jagged branches.

But it's all worth it if the trout are biting. And, boy, were they biting! They were biting each other on the neck, nibbling each others' ears, and snapping each other in half, as far as I know. But they weren't biting worms.

After an hour of torture that would have made the Gestapo green with envy, we arrived at the big pool above the beaver dam. The sure-fire hole.

We fished. Hard. A big mallard hen popped into the pond, secure in the knowledge that it wasn't duck season, looked us over, cackled with laughter and took off.

We fished. Harder. A baby beaver surfaced, swam casually to within four

feet, looked at each of us, and expressed his feeling by turning his rump in the air and submerging.

We fished. Desperately. Suddenly there was a huge splash, then a ker-plunk, ker-plunk, and a big buck deer splashed through the shallows and away, sneering over his shoulder.

That did it. We left. But there was no point, said my mate, in taking the long, torturous trail back down the stream, through that heavy slash. So with his infallible sense of direction, we swung around in a circle, by the high ground.

The high ground turned out to be cedar based in mud, both so thick you had to crawl most of the time. The circle turned out to be the two long sides of an isosceles triangle. Two hours later, we hit the hydro road right on the nose. Except that the nose had moved about a mile due east.

My first trout trip of the season. And believe me — I don't care if Mrs. Richard Burton wants to go along next time — it's my last. There have to be easier ways to get a coronary.

Editorial note

If you buy all the special postage stamps to be issued for Expo '67, you will have an interesting collection, James Montagnes writes in The Financial Post. But what will the investment value of these stamps be? Stamps issued for other world fairs haven't increased much. There will be plenty of opportunities to speculate Expo '67 of different countries, says The Financial Post. You will be able to buy them at face value at the various national pavilions.

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Free Press back issues

20 years ago

Taken from the issue of the Acton Free Press of Thursday, May 13, 1947.

Promptly at 10.30 Monday Morning Lt. Hayes began the third annual inspection of the Acton High School Cadet Corps. It was a lovely day and the boys and girls looked sharp in their uniforms.

C.O. George Elliott ordered the general salute — present arms — as Aldo Brada's trumpet notes died away, the all important march past in review order began.

Announcement was made this week that Rev. A. Walter Fosbury, who has been minister of United Church for the past six years, will become minister of the United Church, Hanover. Rev. Louis Pickering of Hanover will be the new minister here.

Last Friday evening neighbors and friends gathered at Greenock School to honor two of the local boys and their brides. Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd McKeown and Mr. and Mrs. Gordon McKeown.

Devonshire Chapter tag day for the blind brought in \$120.

Campbell Lodge 603 A.F. and A.M., celebrated its 25th anniversary. The Lodge was instituted March 31, 1922. Of the 16 charter members only three were present. Very Wor. Bro. T. H. Snyder, who was first Master, Wor. Bro. Lt. Col. J. K. Mahon and Bro. Robert C. Menzies. Bro. Menzies was presented with a diamond Masonic Pin in appreciation of his 25 years service as treasurer of the lodge.

Manning Electric store has moved to the new store premises in the building recently vacated by Mr. Earl Cooper and is now getting settled.

Born: Atkinson — To Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Atkinson on Wednesday, May 14, 1947, a daughter.

McNabb — Mr. and Mrs. James McNabb are happy to announce the birth of their son on Tuesday, May 13, 1947, at Guelph General Hospital.

tinue to be there for some time in connection with the great work that is being undertaken at the Ontario Reformatory, Guelph, which is being transformed into a home for wounded soldiers. At present there are beds and accommodation for five hundred men. It is planned to accommodate fifteen hundred men.

The following is a report of S.S. No. 12 Esquealing for the month of April: IV — Caroline Ryder, Effie MacEachern.

Sr. III — Arnold McDonald, Elmore Johnstone, Wilmer Watkins, Ronald MacEachern.

Jr. II — Bessie McDonald, Jessie Ryder, Hector MacDonald, Roy Johnston, Harold Swackhamer.

Sr. II — Gordon Johnston, Angus MacEachern, Edna Crewson, Rhea Crewson.

I — Laura Murray, Charles Lambert, Primer — Mary MacEachern, Velma Murray, Bessie Mullin, teacher.

75 years ago

Taken from the issue of the Acton Free Press, Thursday, May 12, 1922.

Knox Church will celebrate the forty-fifth anniversary of its organization next Sunday and Monday. Rev. Dr. Fraser of Hamilton will preach. On the following Monday evening a tea will be provided after which the learned doctor will deliver his popular lecture on "My trip to Egypt and what I saw there".

At a recent sale of the Building Association Terrace on Bower Avenue, Mr. W. H. Storey purchased the first four houses. Mr. James Brown the two in the centre and Messrs. Christie and Henderson, the last four. Mr. Storey is putting his in a good state of repair. The houses, fences and surroundings are receiving attention.

The conversion of the Hamilton Street Railway to the trolley system is being pushed forward rapidly.

The Sons of Scotland to the number of twenty-five or thirty attended the service in Knox Church last Sunday evening. Rev. J. W. Rae preached an appropriate sermon.

100 years ago

Taken from the issue of The Canadian Champion, Milton, May 14, 1867.

The following Militia Order has been issued in reference to the Queen's Birthday: — The several corps of Volunteers in Quebec and Ontario will assemble at noon on Saturday, the 23rd inst., and fire a "feu de joie" in the usual manner in honor of Her Majesty's birthday, at the garrisons of Montreal, Quebec, Ottawa, Kingston, Toronto, Hamilton and London. The volunteers will act in conjunction with Her Majesty's troops, in case the officers commanding the garrisons at these stations should desire such co-operation; and the senior officers of volunteers will place themselves in communication with the officers commanding Her Majesty's forces at the stations above named for that purpose."

Free Press Church News

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, MAY 21, 1967
9.45 a.m.—Church School for ages 3 to 15.
11.00 a.m.—Public Worship of God. Guest Preacher: The Rev. John N. Baldon, B.D., Georgetown.
Everyone Most Welcome.

TRINITY CHURCH (The United Church of Canada)
Minister: Mr. John May, B.A., B.D. Organist: Mr. George Elliott, M.A., Ph.D.

SUNDAY, MAY 21, 1967
SUNDAY SCHOOL
10.00 a.m.—Junior School (to Gr. 4).
11.15 a.m.—Senior School (Gr. 5 to Gr. 8).
SERVICES
10.00 a.m.—Trinity Church Acton. (Nursery provided.)
11.15 a.m.—Churchill Church (Churchill Rd. N.).
All Welcome

ACTON BAPTIST CHURCH
Founded 1842
Pastor: Rev. Stanley Gemmon
Res. 144 Tidey Ave., Ph. 853-1615

SUNDAY, MAY 21, 1967
10.00 a.m.—Church School and Adult Class.
11.15 a.m.—Morning Worship. "The Good Coming." (Vital for our day.)
7.00 p.m.—Evening Service. "Searching the Heart." (Local Orangemen Service.)
Wednesday, 7.30 p.m.—Prayer and Bible Study.
Thursday, 6.30 p.m.—Explorers.
Friday, 7.30 p.m.—Choir Practice.
Friday, 7.00 p.m.—B.H.F.
Watch for special notice for May 28.
Thought for the week: Your faith should show in your face.

EVANGEL PENTECOSTAL TABERNACLE
P.A.O.C. 33 Churchill Road
Rev. S. M. Thoman, Pastor, 853-2715

SUNDAY, MAY 21, 1967
10.00 a.m.—Sunday School.
11.00 a.m.—Morning Worship.
7.00 p.m.—Evangelistic Service.
Tuesday, 8 p.m.—Prayer and Bible Study.
Thursday, 8 p.m.—Christ Ambassadors.
Friday, 6.45 p.m.—Crusaders.

BETH-EL CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH
Acton, Ontario.

SUNDAY, MAY 21, 1967
10.00 a.m.—English Service.
11.10 a.m.—Sunday School.
2.30 p.m.—Alternating Dutch and English Service.
Saturday — Bible Classes, 10-12.30 a.m. Everyone Welcome

MAPLE AVENUE BAPTIST CHURCH
(Georgetown)

SUNDAY, MAY 21, 1967
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 877-4443

THE CHURCH OF ST. ALBAN THE MARTYR
ANGELICAN
Corner Willow St. and St. Alban's Drive
Rev. Ritchie McMurtry, M.A., S.T.B.

The Feast of the Holy Trinity
SUNDAY, MAY 21, 1967
9.00 a.m.—Holy Eucharist.
10.30 a.m.—Church School.
10.30 a.m.—Holy Eucharist. Deacon assisting at the Eucharist and preacher, the Rev. Laurence G. Doby. At this service the parish will present Mr. Doby with several tokens of its esteem and affection for his energy and inspiration displayed in the parish over the years.