Few flowers would brighten

Attractive gardens, flower beds, well-kept lawns and neat houses make Acton a pleasant place to live during the summer months. Shady, tree-lined streets take the real edge off the heat and humidity which we can expect for at least part of the summer.

The most barren part of town in the heat is the business section which lacks anything to alleviate scorching, searing heat on concrete, asphalt and bricks. A few plants in boxes or perhaps small trees, even artificial ones, could do something to relieve the plainness and

add some enticement for shoppers. . Perhaps the town fathers could set the example by planting some decoretive greenery around buildings owned by the municipality. A few flowers

here and there would not be expensive.

Guelph, for instance, has brightened up its downtown business section with huge flower pots. They add something to keep the city attractive and discourage would be litterbugs

Actor could well take a leaf out of the Royal City's hook

Free Press / Editorial Page

Come down to earth..

One writer in an Ontario Hydro publication, bemoaning the garbage which litters the earth could not restrict his horizons. He looked into space much as a seer would gaze into a crystal ball - and he saw more litter.

At last count, 222 man-made satellites were orbiting the earth. Another circled the moon. This doesn't include the various rocket stages and pieces of space junk, including an astronaut's glove, lost in a space stroll or lost angel harps.

How nice it will be, he says, to relax on the patio with a telescope and meditate on the heavenly parade of banana peels, candy wrappers and empty beer bottles.

The only advice we can give this prophet of doom is come down to earth. There's enother litter down here to pick up before we start throwing darts at astronauts and angels.

Know how much it costs to clean up the thousands of tons of garbage motorists on vacation will leave behind them this year? - \$700,000. It's you and me - the taxpayer - who'll be paying it, too.

The five year, 50,000 mile car war-

According to an article in the Cana-

ranties may be a thing of the past next

dian Automotive Trade, reports from

the American car capital, Detroit, indi-

cate 1969 model cars may have only a

24-month, 24,000 mile coverage. The

industry, alarmed at unexpected heavy

costs of warranty claims, is blaming this

partly but there's also an ear tuned into

hints of U.S. federal legislation calling

gadgets check cars accurately for de-

fects, may have helped up warranty

costs. One man took his car into his

local dealership just before the warran-

ty expired. He was armed with a check

\$200. The owner, fully covered under

warranties are for. If there are defects

in manufacture, car companies agree

warranty, didn't have to pay a cent.

Parts and labor came to well over

As we understand it that is what

The question immediately comes to

list he got from the centre.

to pay the shot for repairs.

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Diagnostic centres, where electrical

for warranty standards.

Scrap long warranty...

Remember when a summer drive in the country was a pleasure. Every year an increasing collection of broken bottles, cigarette packages, wrappers, orange and banana peelings as well as a wide assortment of junk is thrown out of car windows. It doesn't blend with the countryside. Even the squirrels turn up their noses.

Most of the people who contribute to this would quikly pick up any dobris on their front lawns. Apparently they don't look on the countryside with the same solf-interest.

It costs the Ontario Department of Highways more than \$55 a mile in litter control alone to keep highways and secondary roads clean. During the major clean-up period, the six months between May and October, that's more than \$3,800 every day. It is increasing, too. It could cost a lot more.

Littering can effect your own safety as well as that of others. Broken glass can mean blow-outs. Loose paper can obscure vision. You know the results.

Ontario has some of the most beautiful scenery in the world. Keep it that way. Don't risk a \$50 fine for littering.

mind: Have the car companies lost

faith in the product that induced them

to put the 5 year, 50,000 mile warranty

lose faith in the product, too, for in

many cases buyers have been induced

to buy new, rather than used cars, be-

A car these days is no longer a

The company with the best warran-

An advertisement of the department

of national revenue says that if a social

insurance number is not on your in-

come tax return "we (meaning employ-

ees of the department) must sit down

status, employment (if any) are not

enough. Your "sin", for short, number

must be included. It's the law, even if

you prove you've been around for a

long, long time at the same address.

In other words, full name, marital

ty can expect to sell the most cars, es-

pecially if he stands behind it.

YOU'RE JUST A NUMBER NOW

and find out who you are."

cause of the warranty.

luxury. It's a necessity.

If so, the public won't take long to



THE PERFECT ROSE needs nothing else - it stands alone as a lovely symbol of summer. Due to the warm weather and

frequent rains, roses of all types and colors are in abundance in Acton gar-(Staff Photo)

Sugar and Spice

by bill smiley.

An interesting and rather frightening manifestation of the times is the rapidly increasing popularity of the concept of POWER. Among the millions of words with which we are constantly bombarded by the mass media, that one pops up with. alarming frequency.

There's nothing wrong with the word itself. It's not a dirty word. We don't get alarmed when we think of such terms as power plant, power hoat, power drill, power of attorney, or hockey's power play-

We aren't spooked when we think of mental power or physical power or spiritual power. The word morely denotes

But in the way it is used so often these days. It has more sinister connotations. It has undertones of hatred and senseluss rebellion. It suggests smashing somebody or something.

We have been carefully acclimatized. We have accepted, because of timidity or indifference, the ideas of air power and union power and political power and lobby

And now we have Black Power and Student Power, both of them with built-in provocations to violence and brutality. The only one that seems fairly harmless is Flower Power, but even this is associated with drugs, sexual promiscuity and anarchy.

It's fairly obvious that I can't turn this pernicious tide of power by writing a column about it. But all you readers might remember once in a while that every new power group chisels away at your personal freedom as an individual, and also at the ideals of peace and brotherhood for the world.

Now, after that little sermon, I'm going to reverse my stand and come out strong for another power group. It's not a new one, but it's so feeble that it needs artificial respiration and intravenous feeding. I'm talking about Parent Power.

This used to be one of the biggest power groups in society, as we old squares well recall. Your parents told you to do something, and in most cases you did it. If you you suffered the consequences.

These ranged from being sent to bed without supper to a good licking.

If your old man caught you smoking at a tender age, he'd whale the tar out of you. If you came in too late from a dance, even though you were a young lady of 17, you might get a lusty application of the hairbrush to the lower posterior.

If you got a strapping at school, you didn't mention it at home, because you'd likely get another one there. If you flunked because you didn't work, you were invited to get out and get a job.

This was Parent Power. Maybe it sounds sadistic, in this permissive age, but it wasn't. Parents loved their children then. too, and tried to direct them toward their own good. Many a clout on the ear or whack on the tail I got, and deserved every one of them, and loved my parents deeply.

Today, Parent Power is on the verge of extinction, unless we can figure out something new in a hurry.

Oh, we still have a certain authority when they're little. After all, a six-yearold probably won't threaten to run away and become a hippy if he gets a smack on the burn. But don't count on it.

The kids have us on the run, and they know it. Threaten a teenager with even something as harmless as cutting the allowance or non-use of the car, and you get a threat right back that he (or she) will leave home. We don't want them to, and ruin their lives. So we knuckle under.

Kids have been running away from home for centuries, but they usually ran off to sea or off to the city to get a job. They didn't run away to Yorkville or Vancouver to become teenage pickings for the pimps and pushers.

Who's for Parent Power, and how do we get it back?

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back issues

years ago

Taken from the issue of the Free Press of Thursday, July 15, 1948,

A new drug which has proved effective against sleeping sickness in cattle has been announced in Britain. Field tests are expacted to prove that this drug, known as M7775, gives immunity for at least giv months: It is hoped that its use may open up the vast fertile areas in East Africa. no far denied white farmers by the provaluriou of the theightly, carrier of slumping sickness.

Work started this week on the new addition at Acton High school and the contractors have the excavations made and coment. footings laid for the new classroom.

After eight years of remarch in the use. of groundant fibres in the manufacture of cloth, a factory has been opened in Scotland. The fibre is blended, with wool and it produces a cloth called Ardil.

Mr. and Mrs. Kan McKinnon, Mrs. E. E. Perryman and Georgina spent a pleasant weekend at Bracebridge and Baysville. Mr. Perryman who has been building a lodge on Lake of Bays, returned home with

Mr. and Mrs. Don Ryder are holidaying at Wasaya Beach.

Mr. and Mrs. G. A. Dills and David Dills spent the weekend in Toronto.

50 years ago

Taken from the Issue of the Free Press of Thursday, July 18, 1918.

Here's to the man who labors and does it with a song! He stimulates his neighbors and helps the world along!

When Benjamin Franklin and other Americans were planning the capture of Canada, their propaganda literature was printed in Montreal by a man named Fleury Mesplat, an old country Frenchman, who had been induced by Franklin to cross over to America and engage in printing, first in Philadelphia and then in Montreal. The literature was intended to induce the French Canadians to side with the invading American forces against the British. The scheme failed, but the journal started by Benjamin Franklin through Mesplat became the Montreal Gazettel

Repairs have been made to the park fence at the west end of Knox Ave. Why not provide a second entrance to the Park at that convenient point? It would make a shorter drive for many going to Park or Lake Avenues and would popularize driving in the park. The attention of the council is directed to the matter.

While cleaning one of the big plate glass windows in Conway & McLean's store on Monday morning the top of the cleaning brush came off and struck the glass. It

was fractured from top to bottom. A not of real shamrock from Ireland is blooming in the window of the residence of the Misses Graham, Mill St. It was sent to Mrs. Orr. Bower Avenue from her former home in Coleraine, Ireland, MissGraham's skillful treatment has brought it out into profusive bloom.

75 years ago

Taken from the issue of the Free Press of Thursday, July 20, 1893,

In the four provinces, Ontario, Quebec, Nova Scotia and New Brunswick, the increase of population in the twenty years 1871-1891, was 25.5 per cent, according to a recent census billutin. The increase of insanity has been 34.4 per cent; The chief increase has been in Ontario and this is accounted for to some extent by the undesirable class of immigrants dumped upon the province.

On Friday afternoon, a son of Mr. John McKlinnon, Nassagaweya, with his mister, was driving to town with a load of oats, when the bolt came out of the clovis, the fongile dropped, and the horses sprang forward. Both parties simped from the wagon and alighted on the ground without any Injury. After a short run the tongue of the wagon broke, and the horses ran into a farmer's fence and stopped. One of the horses was slightly injured.

"Say, 'Mister," said a little city girl who was visiting in the country as she watched the cattle enjoying their cud, "do you have to buy gum for all them cows to

Willie Smythe, aged 6 years, birned his foot badly on Monday by stepping on a stove cover which had just been removed from the stove.

The Acton Free Press celebrated its 19th birthday last Thursday. For 15 years it has been under the management of Mr. H. P. Moore. The Free Press is one of the most carefully edited and neatly printed papers on our exchange list and we extend to it our best wishes for its future prosperity -- Orangeville Advertiser.

100 years ago

Taken from the Issue of The Canadian Champion, Milton, July 16, 1868.

Replies to correspondents:

Midnight Reporter: We cannot insert your communication as its publication will do no good; it does not tend to the edification of the public however much it may to their amusement. Besides, you do not give your name. Although the main facts of your letter may be correct, we think you are mistaken about the boots as we have since seen the gentleman with them and no harm was really done to the field.

Mr. Petrie, Excise Office, was invited by a person connected with the Connectors Distillery to go down at night and take a bath in the mash tub. After they had done so, it being quite dark, the person left Mr. Petrie and went into another room; while away, a third party struck Petrie a violent blow with a club, inflicting a serious wound. A scuffle ensued and Mr. Petrie managed to get his assailant by the beard, and he in turn got Petrie's finger in his mouth. Hearing some persons crossing the bridge he cried murder, when his comnanion of the bath, with a brother rushed in and let the cowardly fellow escape. Mr. Petrie has written to the Government about it it looks like a conspiracy.

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Pastor: Rev. Stanley Gammon

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... SUNDAY, JULY 21st, 1968

9.45 a.m.-Church School and Adult

Wednesday, 7.30 - Prayer Meeting and

and he that hath not the Son of God

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Here is our sincere invitation to the

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7.45 p.m.--Wednesday, prayer meeting.

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the Church of your choice

on Sunday.

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7.00 p.m.—Evening Evangel.

"He that hath the Son, hath life,

1 John 5: 12.

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11.00 a.m.-Morning Worship.

Bible Class.

No Evening Service.

Bible Study.

hath not life."

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Bible Study. Thursday, 8 p.m. - Christ Ambassadors. 1 John 5: 4 - For whosoever is born of God overcometh the world, and this is the victory that overcometh the world, even our faith.

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SUNDAY, JULY 21st, 1968

10.00 a.m. - Divine Worship. Sermon thome, "Finishing the Race."

Photos from the past



Corporation Pond reflected the azure sky, was a favorite haunt for fishermen, swimmers, skaters and loafers? Here it is with the old Storey Glove Co. building reflected in its limpid waters. Sometimes called Henderson's

Pond, the large body of water was located behind the Dills printing plant and Bower Ave. This picture was taken from the Robert Little school grounds.