

Free Press YOUTH PAGE

fresh tracks
by Barbara McIntosh

In weather like this we should declare a national strike demanding giant community air condition systems, no forced labour when the thermometer reads over 85, and socialized ice-cube service.

We have strikes for everything else, and the effects of heat can be as much of a national issue as any other economic and social problem. They can reduce production level to almost nothing, undermine public morale, and be injurious to general health and welfare.

In Canada the problem is particularly acute because the heat wave period is so short and people don't have time to make the mental and physical adjustment.

We are after all, a transplanted race. Our modes of dress and method of living are carry-overs from areas of the world that don't experience our extreme temperature changes.

The original inhabitants in this country were next to nothing in the summer months, and spent hot days floating up and down in canoes, or lounging in the shade making spears and traps for cooler hunting days. We brought in civilization with its conviction that clothing must be endured at all times for the good of modesty, and production must go on for the good of the dollar.

As individuals we've tried to cope. We've put up calendars of cool sparkling streams. Think cool we say, but we're still hot.

We create mental pictures of speeding down ski slopes on a crisp January afternoon. The mind is king we say, but we're still hot.

We scoff at foreign tourists who ask us how we can endure and answer, "It's our strong Canadian character - we're a hardy frontier people. That's hard to say when you're walking the pavement in a business suit, but we're still hot.

We recall last winter's blizzards and we say anything is better than that. But deep down we know that we could always put on more insulation then, while there's a limit to how much we can legally take off now. And we're still hot.

We've sweated it out long enough. It is time we had national action to humanize the heat wave. If not a slow down or a complete halt in production on hot days, at least a liberalisation of professional standards of dress. Even giant air conditioning domes over communities is not totally beyond possibility.

Surely the modern mind can come up with something more than expensive air condition units and iced tea.

Canadian character-building is fine - but we're still hot.

Young Voyageur Mark Hurst two cool weeks in Yukon

Birds and Mark Hurst are flying north this summer. Mark leaves this Friday for two weeks in Whitehorse Yukon as a member of the Young Voyageurs Program being sponsored jointly by the Federal Department of the Secretary of State and the Ontario Department of Education.

Going into grade 12 this fall, Mark was chosen by the school for the expense-paid cultural exchange.

He will be living with a family in Whitehorse for the first week. The second week is travelling time when he will be visiting various points in the Yukon.

Approximately 500 Ontario students are involved in the exchange which is designed to help them appreciate the atmosphere and ways of life in other parts of Canada. "I don't really have any idea what I will be doing yet. The program is still kind of indefinite," says Mark.

The two-weeks of provided entertainment will be a refreshing change for Mark who is a playground instructor at Prospect Park. He will resume his duties at the first of August.

Require permit for home brew

People who make home brew beer for their own use are required to have a permit, Customs Officer Murray Harrison told The Free Press this week.

A permit can be procured at the customs office at no cost. Even if the brew is made, a permit can still be procured.

No permit is required for making wine at home, explained Mr. Harrison, but the Excise Act demands one for beer.

It is against the law to distill liquor.

Grocery stores in this area reported a run on malt extracts for the making of home brew during the beer strike.

They've hit London

11th The Avenue,
Brondesbury Hall,
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England,
July 10, 1968.

Hello home!

The swinging Actonians from London have a few words to say about this city. But I warn you they are not all good so therefore all are honest.

From the 'Sir' himself, Mr. Martindale comes the line, "Trafalgar Square is great."

From the 'Sir's' wife, "A little tired after a game of table tennis" (too much for her I guess).

From the kids, . . .

The observant Gord Morris says, "Everybody is crazy because they drive on the wrong side of the road."

The thinker Ken MacCoff says "The money situation is completely different than what we are used to. A good place to get short changed."

The silent one, Bob Lindsay says "No impressions yet, I am still not awake."

The unprejudiced one, Lorraine Servos says, "It's about the Frenchmen. They should stay in France."

The joker Elaine Johnson says, "If we are eating good old English food, I can hardly wait till I can get good old Canadian peanut butter and jam." (she hates peanut butter and jam).

The swinger Dave Pink says, "London night life is great." His mate Gary Dobie says "The tour of the pubs was great, but I woke up only to find bugs in the breakfast."

Last but not least, the funny one Sharon White says she bought a roll of soft bathroom tissue for we were supplied with wax paper.

That's all the Actonians have to say for the city of London, but no matter what they say we are having a great time!

So remember to tune in when news from Paris hits home.

Reported and written by
Jackie Palmer.



TAKING OFF FOR THE WEEKEND? Why not, in this one-piece peasant style terry suit with detachable dirndl overskirt. The suit designed by Laurie Brooks and made by Sea Queen, was an entry in the Eedee Awards competition, an event introduced by the Ontario government in 1965 to encourage Canadian garment manufacturers to improve their clothing design and thus increase their domestic and export sales.

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Never a dull moment at children's playground

By Steven Dills

What goes on at the Playground? Monday of last week was a regular day with normal activities.

Tuesday the kids left at 9:30 for Rockwood Conservation area to have a picnic lunch and a swim. They piled onto the bus about 100 in all. They went on nature hikes, had sing songs, and went swimming.

One of them got hit by a flying arrow that came from an Indian. Some of the leaders were thrown in the water, clothes and all, and the others went in voluntarily.

At 3:00 p.m. it started to rain hard and the supervisor had to call the buses.

While at Rockwood, the leaders and children were robbed of about \$45. There were seven casualties of the theft.

Wednesday was about the same as Monday, a regular program.

Thursday was also a regular day. The children left at 3 p.m. and the nine to 12 year old group from both playground groups came back with sleeping bags ready for the overnight sleep-out.

They watched the ball game and at 10:15 they went swimming in the pool.

then cleaned up and were served pancakes in the arena. They were made by the girl leaders. They estimated they made 150 pancakes.

The kids went home then to wake up their parents at 7 a.m. Friday there was no activities for the 9-12 year old kids. The 5-8 year-olds had a splash party and the leaders again went in the pool with their clothes on.

Leaders played games with the children, had lunch, got popcicles and went home at 3.

The supervisor stated, "We leaders are in grave need of sleep," also "It was sure a good week except for when the kids were robbed."

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