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Sugar and Spice
Dispensed by BILL SMILEY of the Windsor Echo

I'm not much of a one for special weeks. It's not that I don't approve wholeheartedly of National Cat Week or National Sauerkraut Week. Though I'd just as soon tickle a snake's belly, I'll scratch a cat's ear if I have to, and I'll choke down a forkful of sauerkraut, though I'd enjoy a mouthful of mouldy moss equally well.

Well, how does it strike you? Personally, I'm going to put in for a preacher's job during the grand switch. Work one day and spend the rest of the week drinking tea and shooting the breeze with jolly old ladies who are only too glad to help you run the church. You can't beat that for an easy living.

It's just that I don't become aware of them until they're all over. By the time I realize it's National Fireworks Week, and have written a hot editorial about it, we're right into National Fire Prevention Week, and there I am, telling everybody to run around with a match in his hand, sending off rockets.

All this preamble, as any idiot child could guess with one head tied behind his back, is merely a crafty way of leading up to my nomination for a special week. I'm fed up with everybody being fed up with his job, and wishing he, or she, could do something else, that looks twice as rosy.

For example, a butcher wants to be a surgeon because he believes he was cut out to cut up, there's more money in it, and anyhow, it's easier. A dentist thinks he'd make a dandy politician, but he hasn't got the pull. A street cleaner wants to join the air force, because he knows how to pilot. If you are now whimpering for mercy, I'll tell you about National Switch Jobs Week.

Here's how it works. Once a year, for a full week, each of us has a chance to tackle that job we know we should be doing if an evil fate hadn't tossed us into our present rut. It might be a mite confusing, but look at the fun we'll have. Best time to have this special week would be right about now, when everybody is completely browned off with winter.

Say you're a hydro linesman, and you think teachers have it so much better. "Nice" wim classroom, when you're out in a piercing wind. Snug in bed at night, when you're called out to fumble with a broken line after the steepest storm. Hours nine to four, and two months' holidays. Well, all you do is take over a classroom during National Switch Jobs Week. There'll be no trouble getting a classroom, because all the teachers will have switched jobs with truck drivers, because the latter make more money, according to the teachers.

And there'll be no shortage of truck driving jobs, because all the truck drivers will be working in factories, as they're sick of being away from home so much. And there'll be no lack of factory jobs as all the ordinary hands will be moving up into the executive offices, where the work is so much easier and the money so much better. Naturally, there'll be a lot of executive vacancies, because all the bosses are sick of the tension and responsibility and all they want to do is have a little farm of their own, where they can get back to the simple life, sleep nights without sedatives, and conquer their ulcers.

Farms? There'll be lots of them. The farmers will all be taking over stores, so they can sit around on their fat butts all day like the merchants, and watch the bank balance grow. The stores will be available, of course, because all the merchants will be away sailing on the Great Lakes where the REAL easy money is.

See how simple it is? It works for women, too. All the housewives would become models, all the models actresses, and all the actresses would be able to revert to being the simple little housewives they are at heart, with eighty-dollar aprons tied becomingly over their bullfighter's pants.

Legislature in Session

Jean McIntosh

Each session of the legislature opens with the Throne Speech read by The Lieutenant Governor of the province. In this speech the government reviews the new legislation which it would like the members of the Assembly to approve. Each member of the Assembly if he wishes to, can reply to the Throne speech, either criticizing or praising the proposals which have been made by the government. Next in importance to the Throne Speech comes the budget presented by the provincial treasurer so that each member may begin to have the opportunity of criticizing or endorsing the proposals which have been made by the government for the raising and spending of tax money. After the debate and vote on the budget, each minister presents detailed estimates of the cost of running his department for the next year. Once again the members have the opportunity of exercising their privilege of free question, debate and decision by vote. The assembly has, during the past week, been giving consideration to these detailed estimates.

Besides hearing the opinions of members on first the Throne Speech, then the budget and estimates, certain bills are presented for approval. Last week one bill in particular caused quite a commotion in the Legislature. This was Bill No. 25, an "Act Respecting the Township of Scarborough" which would have made it lawful for the Township of Scarborough to issue debentures for the sum of \$397,829 without the approval of the Ontario Municipal Board. On the face of it, the bill seems innocent enough. But when the facts were brought out in the House, namely that the money would be used to pay for oversized water mains which had already been laid by a subdivider without the approval of the Ontario Municipal Board, the government agreed with the opposition members that the bill should be returned to the Committee on Private Bills for further discussion. The committee will be considering Bill No. 25 again on March 19th.

In the opinion of many MPP's, the bill will not be brought to the legislative Assembly again during this session. Those who are opposed point out that approval of this bill would set a very bad precedent. The residents of towns like Georgetown, Acton, Milton, Burlington and Oakville can appreciate what is involved because, like Scarborough, they are experiencing very rapid growth which includes mushrooming subdivisions and a tendency towards over-enthusiasm on the part of subdividers, contractors and in some cases local council members. The Ontario Municipal Board was set up to make sure that municipalities keep their spending and borrowing of money on a sound basis. Those who oppose Bill No. 25 feel that if it were passed, many municipalities could ignore the ruling of the Ontario Municipal Board in the hope that a private bill passed by the legislature would bring final approval of their action.

Halton farmers will be interested to know that agriculture minister W. A. Goodfellow told the Legislature last week that the federal government should begin an immediate inquiry on the price spreads of farm products. He pointed out that potato growers today receive less than 50 cents of the consumer's dollar, and also that in the last five years the percentage of national income received by the farmer had shrunk from 12 per cent to 7 per cent. Floor prices agricultural research and anti-dumping regulations were also suggested by the minister as necessary if the farmer was to have equal consideration in our economy with industry.

Norman McMurchy Buried in Brampton

A funeral service was conducted in the Brampton Presbyterian Church on Thursday, March 14th, at 2 p.m. for Norman Duncan McMurchy and was born and raised in the Acton district. By trade he was a builder of barns and he built the barn and house where he has lived for many years at Centre Rd. South, Brampton. He died in Toronto General Hospital. Mrs. McMurchy predeceased him seven years ago. He is survived by two children Helen (Mrs. Joseph Robinson) of Thornhill and Dr. Norman Ray of Kitchener. He was a cousin of Thomas and Gordon McMurchy of Huttonville. Interment was in Brampton cemetery.

SHOWERS FOR BRIDE MRS. ROBERT HEATON

Miss Patry Pruneau entertained at her home on Ontario Street for Kristin Leslie prior to her marriage to Robert Heaton on Saturday, March 2nd. A delightful lunch was served after a shower of miscellaneous gifts had been presented. Mrs. T. Logan, Mrs. D. Schenk and Mrs. D. Hancock were hostesses at the latter's home in Glen Williams at a miscellaneous shower. A lovely bridal buffet was served. Mrs. Heaton was presented with a comforter by the girls and men on the evening floor of Alliance

I can just see them at the end of their week. The hydro linesman would be scrambling frantically up the highest pole he could find. The teacher would be ready to adopt that lippy teenager he couldn't abide. The truck driver would be hurtling down the highway with a song in his heart and his foot hard down on the gas pedal.

The factory hand would be crooning over his lathe. The executive would be tossing down his tranquillizer pills hilariously. The farmer would kiss the first cow he saw when he got home. That merchant would hum a merry tune as he gaily punched out the accompaniment on the cash register.

Friend housewife would be so glad to get out of that girde she had to don as a model, she'd call in—and redecorate the whole house. And yours truly would be just as overjoyed to get out of that dog-coat, and be able to swear, look over the dames, and have a beer again.

Horticultural News
by Tony Bradshaw

Talking the other day to a gardener he told me he had planted quite a number of perennials in his garden and much to his disgust after one season blooming most of them had died. Furthering the conversation I found instead of perennials it was biennials he had planted. A biennial is a plant that grows from the first time it is sown until it produces its own seed then dies. Canterbury Bells, Foxgloves and Sweet William are a true example of biennials. You may hear some people say that their biennials grew again the next year. This is the result of self-seeding but the plants are hardly worth growing as they do not come true to the original variety or colour.

To name some biennials, the dainty blue "Forget-me-not" and one of the best strains to grow is "Royal Blue". There is also a very delicate pink variety of forget-me-not called rose. Try to order your forget-me-nots now, not when they are blooming. By planting as soon as the soil is workable in the spring you will find they bloom over several weeks.

"Sweet William" are an old favourite in the garden. Depending on the climate they bloom around May, June time, producing large showy flowers, heads composed of numerous individual blooms. Apart from adding colour and beauty to the garden they are wonderful for cutting. Crimson Beauty, Pink Beauty and Scarlet Beauty are well proven varieties. For some of the newer varieties there are White Beauty, Nigrescens, a very dark red and Hobborn Glory which is an auricula variety. All these varieties blended together make just a blaze of colour on the borders of the garden.

There are dwarf strains of Sweet William which grow up to around six inches tall. These are covered with clusters of single flowers. They make a fine show in rock garden pockets or for edging the border. Though pansies are classed as perennials they are best treated as biennials in most parts of Canada. Don't forget! Buy your biennials in the early spring, not when they are in full bloom.

LOCALITES TRAVEL TO WEST POINT

Mr. and Mrs. Harold McClure and John R. Barber travelled to West Point on a recent week-end to see the annual hockey game between Royal Military College and West Point.

There was a special reason, of course, for the McClure's son George, a fourth year RMC student, plays right wing on the team. Despite the augmented Canadian rooting section, RMC was outclassed by the home team and lost the game 7-2.

The Georgetowners visited at Richmond Hill, Long Island with Mr. and Mrs. Harry Goring, who lived here several years ago when Mr. Goring was accountant at the Bank of Montreal. They also called at Cornwall, N.Y. to see Mr. and Mrs. Robert Elliott, relatives of station agent John

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