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You know how it is. You're at a wedding or something in the city. During the post-ceremonial conviviality, you get to chatting with some cousin of the bride, a nice couple you never met before. They are charming and so are you. You'd love to see more of them, because they think you're so charming and witty. So you invite them to their home that evening. You're sure they'll come and see you. Your wife has that queer look that means it's time to go, so before you do, you make your wife choose pick a weekend to visit you, right there and then.

Then some Friday evening, you are mowing the lawn and something like a horse. You have your shirt off. You're sweating. Your wife has a collar on her lap and has just given herself a little perfume. Your kids have dirty shirts and funny noses. And a big car pulls up at the house. The stranger gets out, and his wife and three kids climb out after him.

"Well, here we are," he grins happily. "Better late than never. You've never seen the man before in your life. There's a special from the Old Girl and you hear her running upstairs. The kids come over and stand beside you, wiping their noses with the backs of their hands. They stare at the strange kid who came back with interest.

It hits you like a hydrogen bomb. This is that hush you were talking to at the wedding, about a month ago, and his silly, baby-faced wife with the high-pitched giggle. "Hi, Hi," you say and look wildly about for your wife, who is peering with horror from behind the curtain in the bedroom window. Your kids are helping the other kids in with their bags.

As you take them into the house, you hear a faint flapping of wings. That's your girl gone or fishing expedition flying out the window. But it's not until you are sitting down and have offered them a cigarette and called him George and had him tell you his name is Ernie that the full impact is felt.

Suspend Sentence as Beardmore Pleads Guilty, Water Pollution

In the first prosecution under the Water Resources Commission Act, the Beardmore Tannery at Acton pleaded guilty to a charge of polluting the Black Creek, a tributary of the Credit River.

Magistrate K. M. Langdon suspended sentence after Robert Parker, the tannery's general superintendent, undertook to work with the Water Resources Commission in an attempt to solve the tannery's waste disposal problem.

The Ontario Water Resources Commission Act provides for a maximum penalty of \$1,000 and as much as a year's imprisonment on conviction of polluting a watercourse.

Commission laboratory scientist Charles E. Simpson testified that tannery residue with a content of pollution twice that of raw sewage was being discharged on May 28 into the Black Creek Marsh, which empties into the river.

The tannery has an elaborate system of lagoons and ponds for storing tannery waste - blood, hide scrapings and other organic material - which is later sprayed on the land as a means of disposal. However, Mr. Parker, who is also chairman of the Flood and Pollution Control Board of the Credit Valley Conservation Authority, admitted the system is not yet foolproof.

Mr. Simpson said the waste was being discharged from a drain-pipe, removal of which had been recommended by the commission as far back as a year ago.

Mr. Parker commented that the drain was used only under emergency conditions. Heavy rains had filled the pond in which the overflow of waste is collected, Mr. Parker said. If the effluent had not been discharged, it might have spilled over and eroded the bank.

The spray disposal system of the 55-year-old tannery was developed 10 years ago and had been improved within the past year, Mr. Parker said.

A Biochemical Oxygen Demand (BOD) test, which determines the concentration of organic material in waste, was made at the point of discharge and in the Black Creek. Mr. Simpson told the Court a count of 10 is regarded as conclusive evidence of pollution.

The sample discharged from the drain pipe had a BOD count of 536 and 598, Mr. Simpson said. A sample taken from the stream above the point of discharge had a count of 49. But one-half mile downstream from the tannery the count was 37.

Mr. Parker said the company is planting grass on a large area of that land well removed from the river for future spraying.

Crown Attorney I. D. Dingle said he felt the case was not one for a suspended sentence, but Magistrate Langdon said he was uncertain whether the pollution resulted from flood conditions or normal operations.

RETURNING FROM GERMANY VISITS GEORGETOWN SISTER

Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Sullivan, 17 Mary St. had a happy reunion recently with relatives who had been in Germany for four years.

LAC Gerald Bradford has returned to Canada for duty with the RCAF at North Bay, and with his wife and children, Kenneth, Sylvia and Patty spent a week-end-half with the Sullivans. The Sullivans are sisters.

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Benefit Night For S. Townsley

Plans for a benefit night for well known district athlete Harold (Sonny) Townsley are underway under the direction of Art Desjardine of Milton. Harold was stricken with illness this summer and is presently in hospital.

Date for the event has been set for Friday, September 13. It will be held in the Milton arena and included in plans are a dance, and lucky draws with lots of prizes.

Posters and tickets are being printed for distribution through the north end of Halton where Sonny is well known in sporting circles. He played hockey with Milton Pontiac Chiefs at left wing for the past few years. He has also played with Georgetown Raiders and Acton Tanners.

A resident of Acton he was preparing for another year as playing coach of Acton's baseball intermediates when illness forced him to the sidelines.

He has had a varied career in sports that included a season playing hockey with Washington in the Eastern United States League. He came up with Acton Juniors, played hockey at centre with Acton Tanners, had a year with Georgetown Raiders and then played solely with Milton in Intermediate A and Senior B.

Always a keen competitor, he played baseball in the off-season, starring as a catcher.

Harold has a wife and two children, presently living on Cameron Street in Acton.

Massey Offers To Buy Largest Tractor Plant

Massey-Harris-Ferguson Ltd. second largest maker of farm machinery has offered to take over all of Standard Motor Company Ltd. It was announced by Lord Tedder, Chairman of Standards which is a large British motor car and tractor manufacturer.

Massey now owns 5,000,000 ordinary shares of Standard and has offered to acquire all the remaining 22,451,750 shares at a cost expected to be about \$25,000,000.

At Coventry, England, Standard has the largest tractor plant in the world, capable of making about 100,000 tractors a year, and at present turning out 375 tractors a day. In the past eighteen months Standard has invested 14½ million in new plant and equipment to manufacture the new Ferguson "35" tractor. As well as being the largest, Standard tractor plant is the most modern in equipment to produce a high quality tractor at low manufacturing cost.

Standards production is approximately 50-50 between motor cars and tractors; the average current production of cars and commercial vehicles is 1,400 units per week. Total annual sales volume tractors and cars is approximately 55-60 millions.

Lord Tedder said that under his Chairmanship Standard would remain as a separate corporate entity with its existing board and the addition of Massey-Harris-Ferguson representation.

W. E. Phillips, Chairman of Massey-Harris-Ferguson Limited, said that the objective in acquiring Standard Motors is to lower costs of operation by controlling the manufacturing and also to obtain increased facilities for the long range outlook.

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Home Economics Career Described to 4-H Girls

As a young dietitian in the Navy during the war, Miss Helen McKecher was confronted with five hundred pounds of solidly frozen, dark colored tuna intended to be transformed into an appetizing dinner for several hundred hungry sailors. Asked how she wanted the fish cooked, her reply was "I'm a modern girl - I've always got my fish out of a can." With invaluable experience and additional University degrees to her credit, Miss McKecher, became Director of Home Economics Service, Extension Branch, Ontario Department of Agriculture. She was the principal speaker at the banquet in Creelman Hall, Ontario Agricultural College, Guelph, earlier this month, when two hundred girls between sixteen and twenty six, representing every county in the province, held their annual 4-H Homemaking Club Conference.

Subject of her address was "You and Your Career", in which Miss McKecher advised the girls, most of whom were in the final years of High School, to make plans now for their future. Emphasizing the belief that people are happiest when sharing and helping, she said that Home Economics offers more leeway for talent, being both interesting and challenging, than any other career. Since there is a dearth of Home Economists as well as a wide range of opportunity in various phases in the field, training along this line not only fits a girl to qualify for various well paid positions but is the best possible foundation for future homemakers. Home Economists find opportunities to travel and meet people in positions with firms, in research, hospitals, advertising, writing radio and television.

Pointing out that there is no soft job in Home Economics, the speaker stressed the fact that it was the utilization of resources and sciences and offered double value - a good career and the best possible preparation for a wife and a mother.

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