

Sugar and Spice

Dispensed by BILL SMILEY of the Warton Echo

There is a tendency, as we start pushing 40, and 40 starts pushing back, to don rose-coloured glasses every time we look back at our childhood. This is one of the more disgusting symptoms of approaching senility, and should be resisted stoutly.

For example, I was thinking of writing a column about the 24th of May. It was going to be nostalgic and saccharine; what a grand celebration the 24th used to be; what a pity they've changed the date to the nearest or farthest or something Monday, and lost all the significance of the holiday; how the kids nowadays don't have as much fun as we did on the 24th of May.

Fortunately, seeking a little extra background, I asked my wife what she did when she was a kid, on the 24th. 'Nothing' she replied, sadly but sensibly. I realized that what I'd been about to write was pure piffle. There wasn't any great celebration on the 24th, when I was a kid. It was just a welcome holiday, and no kid I ever knew cared two firecrackers for old Queen Victoria.

What's more, kids nowadays have just as much fun as we ever did, only they're a little more sophisticated about it. Looking back,

all I can remember about the 24th is going around all day beeping because I couldn't buy all the fireworks I wanted, and going to bed that night with a couple of burned fingers and a singed eyebrow or two. That is exactly what my kids do, so they must be having just as much fun as I did.

In the third place, I think it's an excellent idea to move the 24th to the preceding Monday. When a holiday has no significance in the history or tradition of a nation, at least let's have it fall on Monday, and make a long weekend of it. Long weekends help reduce the surplus population, as Scrooge put it.

The whole conception of holidays in this country is sorely in need of a major overhaul. I'm a great believer in holidays, but ours are as haphazard as the botanical system we've inherited. Under our present set-up they are not only poorly arranged, but scanty.

Some of our months are all right. In July, of course, we have that great national holiday that stirs the blood of every Canadian. The First of July. August has Civic Holiday. September gives us Labour Day and October is rich with Thanksgiving.

But how about that November? Thirty of the most dismal and depressing days in the year, and not a holiday to lighten the gloom. Why not call a holiday for the second Monday in November? We could name it Last Call for Storm Windows Day.

In December, we have Christmas, Boxing Day, and only a week later, New Year's Day. Fine. We need them all. But long, dark and cold loom January and February, without a break in either of them. We should stick a couple of Monday holidays in there. In January, we could celebrate that ceremony that is rapidly gaining popularity in Canada, and have Packing For Florida day.

February could be broken up nicely by moving Valentine's Day to the nearest Monday and calling it Love Day. There isn't a single day in the year set aside for love. We could love our neighbours, our wives, our children, our neighbors' wives, and anybody else who was in the mood. It would certainly liven up dull old Feb.

March and April get tricky, with Easter. But if Easter came in April, could we not have a Monday holiday in March, called March Hare Day. We could all go mad with delight at getting through the winter, fling off our outer habiliments, and dance in the streets. In our overshoes.

If Easter came in March, we'd need a special Monday holiday

FARM NEWS
Dairy Cattle Field Day Will Interest Haltonites
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An event that should be of interest to all dairy farmers in Halton county, is the Dairy Cattle Field Day at the Ontario Agricultural College, Guelph, on Tuesday, June 24. The programme will start with a complimentary dinner between 12 o'clock and 1 p.m.

about the middle of April, which is the cruelest month. We might designate it as April Fuel Day. It would be a suitably joyous celebration if the government marked it by delivering a load of fuel free to every loyal citizen. Just enough to carry him through to the first of July, when he can let his furnace out.

That takes care of every month but June. Do you realize there isn't a single long weekend in June, one of our most delightful months? And one of our busiest months on the highways. Think of the triumph with which our daily papers could trumpet: **FIRST JUNE LONG WEEKEND KILLS 108.**

Yes, we must have a Monday holiday in June. What shall we call it? Let's see, June is the month of marriages. We could have a national holiday on the second Monday, and name it Rude Awakening Day.

THE MAIL BAG
GEORGETOWN NEEDS A HOSPITAL NOW

Have you ever had your appointment at the doctor's office postponed because your doctor was called away to the hospital in Guelph on an emergency, and could not get all the way there and back before office hours were over? Do you know someone on the local Voluntary Ambulance Service who has to leave his job (or his home) at a moment's notice, for the two hours or so it takes to deliver

a patient to hospital and return? Have you a neighbour or friend who has suffered an accident needing immediate hospital treatment, and who has had to travel an extra hour in discomfort or pain, before receiving it, because we have no hospital here? If you ever consider the toll this sometimes daily journey exacts from your local doctor, whoever he may be; the unnecessary waste of time and energy; the fact that he knows he could better serve all his patients if this wasteful time journeying were eliminated. Have you known an expectant mother who was worried she would not reach hospital in time, because of this distance that has to be travelled? Have you, yourself, ever wanted to see your doctor, or have him see your child, and have had to wait until he could get back from the hospital, and thought how much simpler it would be if the hospital were just across town? If you have ever considered any of these things, do something to bring your hospital nearer now. The longer we wait in these times of inflation, the more it is going to cost. The Hospital Association needs interested members to attend their meetings held once a month in the Municipal Office. Your local Women's Hospital Auxiliary needs members now, to help raise funds for furnishings and equipment. The meetings are held every second Tuesday in the month at the Wrigglesworth School. Both organizations have notices of their meetings published in advance in the Herald. Please attend and please support all Fund drives for YOUR HOSPITAL. Margaret E. Pope.

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FARM NEWS
BEEF CATTLE BREEDERS TO CONVENE AT GUELPH

A Beef Cattle field day, Thursday, June 4th, is being sponsored by the Advanced Registry Board for Beef Cattle, and the Dept. of Animal Husbandry, Ontario Agricultural College. The Ont. Agricultural College will act as host for a complimentary luncheon at noon. The opening remarks will be made by Professor G. E. Raithby, chairman, Advanced Registry Board and head of Dept. of Animal Husbandry, OAC. The sessions will be held in the Physical Education Building at the College. Mr. Glen Butts, manager of Ogechee Farms, Fairland, Oklahoma, USA, and the chairman of the Board of Directors, Performance Registry International, will be the feature speaker.

There are two reports of special interest to beef cattle breeders. The report of the A. R. program for 1959 will be given by W. P. Watson, livestock commissioner for Ontario and secretary of the A. R. Board. The report on Beef Cattle Research projects at OAC, will be presented by Dr. T. D. Burgess, of the Animal Husbandry Dept, Guelph. The above mentioned will act as members of a panel on 'Beef Cattle Management Problems.'

A visit will be made to inspect the Bull Testing Station at Arkell Farms.

FARM NEWS
2, 4D CAN DAMAGE
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2, 4-D can damage susceptible crops. Spraying with chemicals for weed control will be under way now in Halton. Recently advances in chemicals for weed control have greatly assisted control of Halton's weed pr... However, spraying for weeds self causes additional problems. crops like tomatoes, turnips, beat, ree fruits etc., may be seriously damaged by infinitely small doses of 2, 4-D and MCP.

There is a definite risk in spraying these chemicals within one-quarter mile of a susceptible crop, however, if care is taken areas closer than this may be sprayed under favorable conditions. These conditions include a light breeze away from the susceptible crops; amine or low volatile esters in use; low power pressures, with a minimum of fine spray. Within 100 feet the risk of using 2, 4-D is too great, (other than garden operations where there is a complete control of the spray, as with a knapsack sprayer.) In this case other methods of weed control should be followed.

Signs are available for the posting of susceptible crops. These signs are obtained free of charge from the office of the Agricultural Representative, or from Halton Halton County Weed Inspector Vernon McArthur.

TOUR PAPER MILL
Members of the Chi Rho club of St. George's Anglican Church had the privilege of touring Alliance Paper Mills as a feature of their last meeting. After seeing how paper is coated, they continued their meeting in the parish Hall, concluding with lunch.