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**TERRA COTTA ATTENDANCE UP 300% OVER LAST YEAR**

An increase of more than 300 per cent is reported in the number of persons who enjoyed the facilities of Terra Cotta Recreation Area for the month of June this year compared with the corresponding month last year. Official figures released this week by A. S. Mendell, publicity chairman of the Cedit Valley Conservation Authority, indicate there were 3,706 automobiles admitted to the Terra Cotta recreation area, as compared with 1,096 during June, 1958.

It's estimated that almost 19,000 people visited Terra Cotta during last month to enjoy the swimming, picnicking, and hiking facilities. There was a slight decline in attendance last week-end because of inclement weather. The previous weekend, the last in June, there were 962 cars, compared with 572 the corresponding week-end last year.

Attendance is also increased considerably at Belfountain Park, the second recreation area to be acquired by the Authority.

Lifeguards are on duty at both areas, and swimming is reported to be excellent. Picnicking facilities are more extensive, of course, at Terra Cotta, which has been in operation by the Authority for more than a year, and where there are 300 acres of recreation area compared with Belfountain's 22. Improvement projects will be carried out at Belfountain next year.



BY DOROTHY BARKER

*Diary of a Vagabond*

(This week we take pleasure in offering our readers a new feature. It is written by one of Canada's outstanding newspaper editors, Dorothy Barker. For the past nine years Mrs. Barker's column "As I Was Saying . . ." provided an hilarious insight into the domestic life of a busy editor. It contributed considerably to her paper's success as a consistent prize winner in provincial and national newspaper competitions.)

Recently, the Aurora Banner, published in Ontario, was sold and she anticipated the ease of retirement. But not for long. The creation of her new column "Diary of a Vagabond" which will take our readers across Canada and into the highways and byways of this fast-growing nation, will be written in her well known humorous style. We are sure our readers will enjoy reading it each week.)

This was the moment I had so often dreamed about. The one when I could give my typewriter an icy stare, and not turn a hair because my mind was a blank and the linotype operators were out of copy. This was the first morning of my retirement. The silence was awful, not even a mouse licked paste from discarded copy in the WPB.

Behind me was the "rat race" while ahead of me stretched nothing but day after monotonous day of perfect freedom. Was I happy? Was I looking forward to reading

the paper someone else had whipped together in the wee, sma' hours of the morning in order to meet a deadline? Was I savouring the lucky break that had placed my meet on the desk and my typewriter-work fingers in a twiddle?

I was not. Instead, my head was in a twirl. At times like this one usually takes stock of one's desires and ambitions. I started asking myself questions such as "What do you want to do most?" What has been the greatest lack in your life? Where do you most want to go? What did I most want to do?

That was an easy question to answer. Now that I am free from the routine of an exacting career as a weekly editor, I want to hop a train and call on other weekly editors across Canada, who are making an outstanding contribution to the nation's progress.

I want to travel to the seat of Confederation, wander in the Peace Gardens on the Canadian-U.S. border, feast my eyes on the grandeur of the Rockies, smell the roses in the Butchart Gardens, and watch the ships of the Canadian navy sail into Bedford Basin for repairs. I want to tell westerners of the wonders of Niagara Falls and easterners of the breath-taking beauty of the foothills seen through a haze at dusk.

The greatest lack in my life, had undoubtedly been the need for more time. Time to read, to visit, to know and enjoy more friendships and to know my own country better from coast to coast.

Because there are so many busy men, women, aye and children, too, in this rapidly developing nation of ours, I am blessing this opportunity to keep this capsule diary for you about Canada, its people, its customs, its industries popping up all over the land in infinite variety — and above all, to write of its great natural beauty, so many of us miss in our haste-filled existence.

Catch me right here next week, when I write about my first journey in this great new adventure.

**Recall Twenties, Terra Cotta Ball Team Reunion**

Members of a 1923 hardball team, champions of that year, had a fine time of reminiscing when Mr. and Mrs. Fred Lyons, Terra Cotta, were hosts at an afternoon reunion.

The Terra Cotta team were champions in a league comprising Acton, Limehouse, and the Mountaineers and won a cup which was donated by the late William Goudy of Limehouse. Many fine memories were recalled as players and their wives enjoyed a picnic supper and several pictures were taken as a remembrance of the day.

Those present included Mr. and Mrs. George Coulter, Mr. and Mrs. James Hopburn, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Icam, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Lyons, Mr. and Mrs. Charles McNally, Mr. and Mrs. William Hunter, Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Icam, Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Puckering, Mr. William Townsend, Mr. and Mrs. Noel Kier, Toronto; Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Craine, New Toronto; Mr. Herbert Marshall, Cooksville; Mr. and Mrs. Walter Hayward, Guelph; Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Stringer, Brampton.

**SCARLET DEGREE AWARDS TWO NEW LODGE MEMBERS**

On Tuesday June 23rd., the regular meeting was held of the Halton Pride True Blue Lodge No. 393.

The opportunity was taken at this meeting, to discuss plans for the 12th., of July Parade, which will be held this year in Mimico. Also, during the meeting, two Scarlet Degree awards were made, conferred by Worshipful Mistress June Grier, upon Brother George Grier and Sister Marjorie Bailey, thus making them full-fledged members of the lodge.

A draw was held in aid of the Children's True Blue Home, the prize being a watch and cuff-link set donated by Sister Donna Marchment. The winner was Mrs. Verril Rawson.

**HALTON COUNTY WEED CONTROL NEWS**  
by V. E. McArthur  
County Weed Inspector

**MANY WAYS IN WHICH WEED SEEDS CAN SPREAD**

Nature has many ways and means of spreading weed seeds to ensure the survival of the species. Because of this, man must fight a continual battle against weeds in order to grow his crops and produce the food which means the continuance of the human race, reports the Field Crops Branch of the Ontario Department of Agriculture.

Many of the common weeds are annuals, which grow, flower and set seed all in one year. These are usually prolific seeders, producing several thousand seeds per plant in many cases. These seeds should be cut before the seed sets in order to keep them under control — but each and every weed must be destroyed as the seeds from just one plant can produce a whole new crop the following year.

In the long-lived or perennial type of weed there are many that spread by underground root stocks as well as from seed. These present a double problem as the roots, if not destroyed, will spread to new locations even though the above-ground portion of the plant is cut and burned.

Wind, water, animals and man are responsible for the spread of most weeds. The seeds of many plants are equipped with tiny wings or parachutes to enable the wind to scatter them far and wide. Water, especially at flood time, carries many more weed seeds to new locations and other weeds, such as Burrs, cling to animals and spread in that way. Man, however is the greatest offender and when he plants seed that is not weed seed free can multiply the stands of old and new weeds at an alarming rate.

It has been said that if we did nothing to control weeds for

twenty-five years the country would become a desert and farming would be impossible. From this it can be seen that constant vigilance and work is required to keep weeds from spreading and to eradicate those already present. One of the first steps is to cut all weeds before they produce seed. Whether we live in the urban or rural parts of Halton County let us bear these facts in mind and resolve to do our part in the war on weeds in our own areas.

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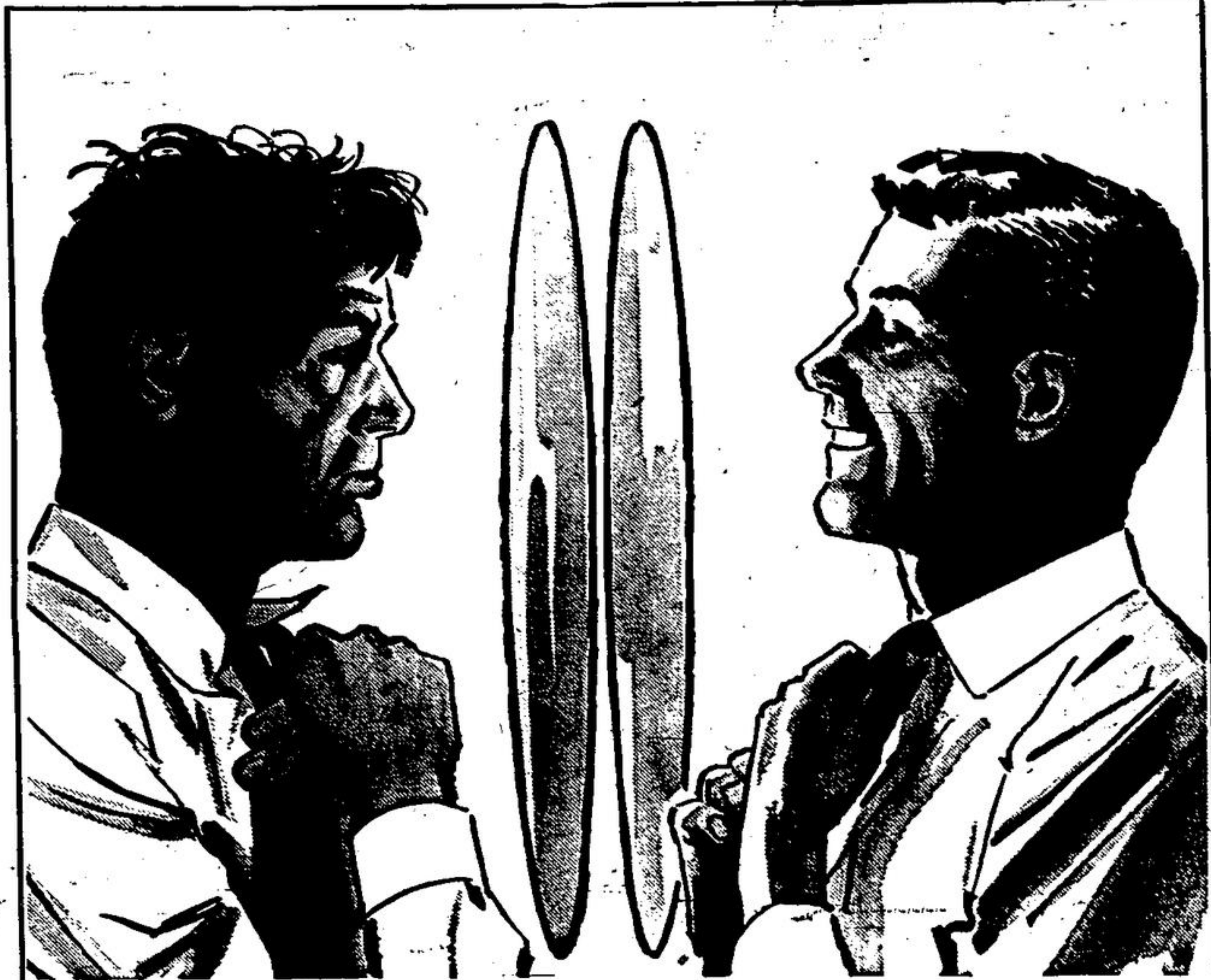
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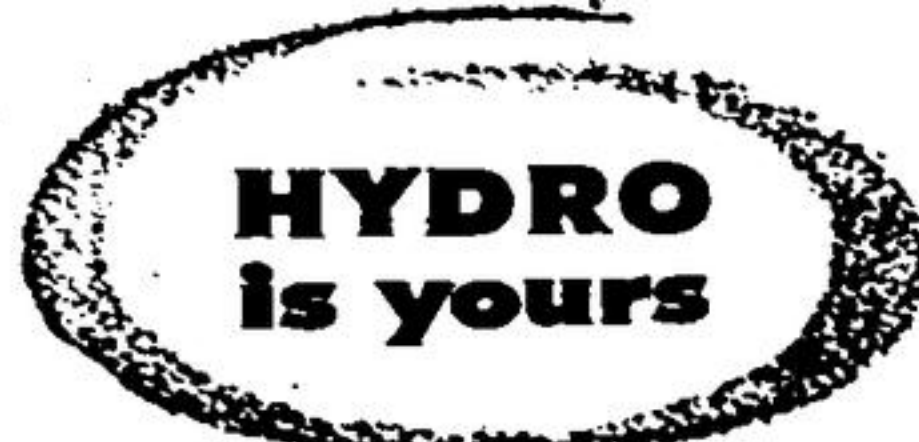
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*Household Hint*  
by Anne Allan

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