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Albion Dam Creates Lake Of 12 Acres

The Metropolitan Toronto & Region Conservation Authority has completed construction of a dam creating a 12-acre lake now open for swimming at the Albion Hills Conservation area, 5 miles north of Bolton on No. 50 Highway. This new rendezvous for swimmers, situated on Centreville Creek a tributary of the Humber, is one of the finest in the province. The safe beach makes it suitable for persons of all ages. The Authority has taken every safety precaution, including arranging for constant lifeguard service. The Albion Hills area, opened in 1956, is already immensely popular with visitors seven days a week for picnicking, fishing and enjoyment of the nature trails. With Heart Lake, Boyd and Greenwood areas already open for swimming, this new lake is the fourth Authority area with swimming facilities. Since May 1st this year, visitors to the Authority's conservation areas number 425,000. These who arrive at one spot to find a 'full-up' sign usually drive on to the next nearest spot shown on the maps issued by the Authority.

BIRTHS

BEENEY—Paul and Brian, sons of Barbara and Bill Beeneey are happy to announce the birth of their baby sister, Brenda Ruth, on August 3rd, 1959, at Oakville - Trafalgar Memorial Hospital. Mother and baby doing fine.

BOUWMAN—John and Anne Bouwman, 18 Riverview Cres., are happy to announce the birth of a daughter Frances Darlene, on August 2nd, 1959 at Guelph General Hospital, weight 7 lbs.

SPENCE—Gail and Alf Spence (nee Wheeler) are very happy to announce the arrival of their daughter Cheryl Ann at Guelph General Hospital on July 30th, 1959.

SUTHERLAND — George and Bernice are happy to announce the arrival of their son Robert Bruce on Saturday, August 1st, 1959. A brother for Ann Marie and Billy.

WOOD—Mr. and Mrs. David Wood, 11 College Street, are happy to announce the birth of their daughter Mary Lynn Doris on July 29th, 1959, in St. Joseph's Hospital, Guelph.

MEMORIALS BIRD—In loving memory of Miss Margaret Ellen Bird, who passed away August 3rd, 1958. Sadly missed by brothers, nieces and nephews.

BOWERS—In loving memory of Raymond (Pop) Bowers who died August 2nd, 1958. We little knew when we woke that morn The sorrow the day would bring: For the call was sudden, the shock severe. To part with one we loved so dear. —Son Gordon and family.

PRESSWOOD—In loving memory of our mother, Elizabeth Anne Presswood, who passed away August 4th, 1952. In our hearts you will always stay. Loved and remembered every day. —Fondly remembered by daughter Edna, husband and family.

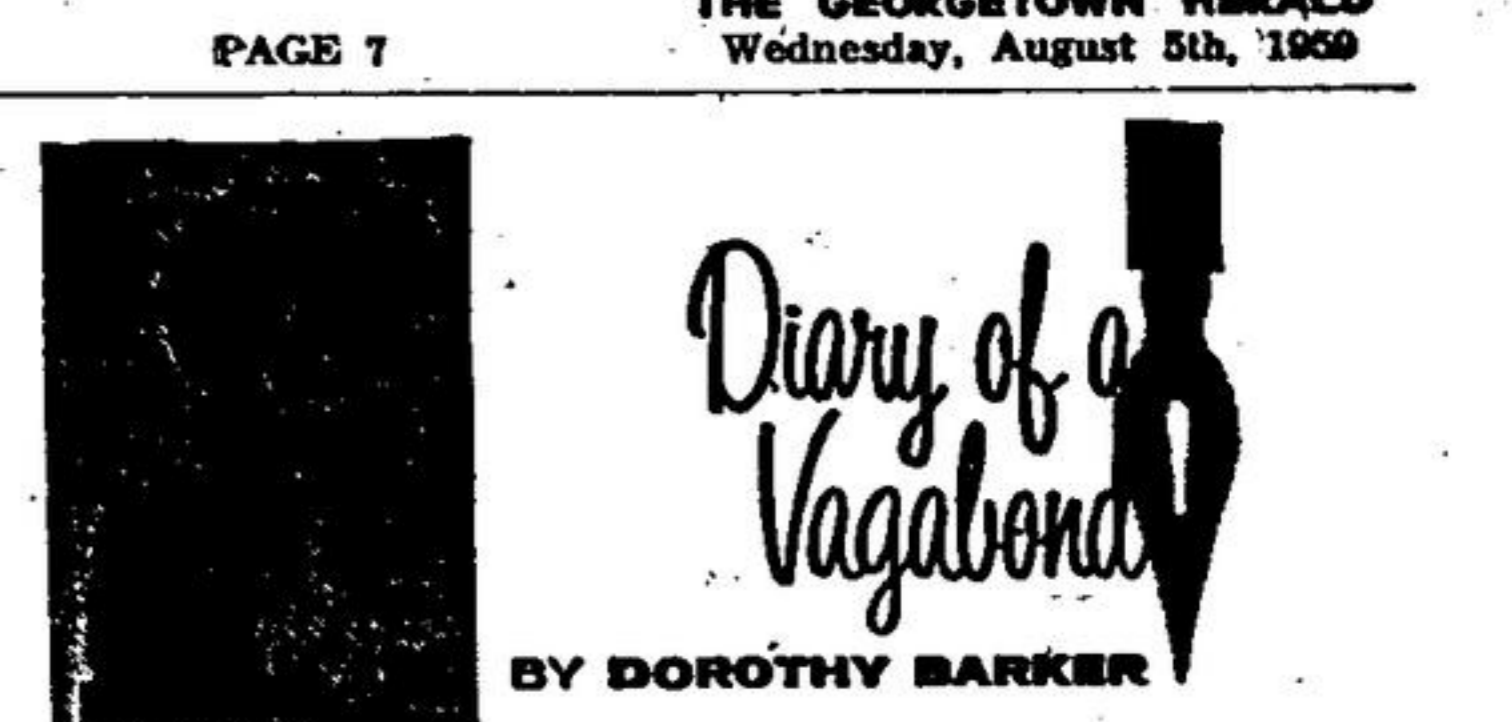
HALTON COUNTY WEED CONTROL NEWS

by V. E. McArthur County Weed Inspector IDLE LAND GROWS WEEDS As a result of Halton County's location in the centre of the "Golden Horseshoe" of Ontario we find the number of active farmers is decreasing yearly. Already there are thousands of acres of idle land, the greater part being in south Halton. Even the land which is comparatively weed free, when sold by the farmer, becomes a veritable weed patch if left idle for a few years.

The residents, as well as visitors travelling in this county, cannot help but notice field after field where only nature is at work and weeds and thorn trees are taking possession. Even small children living near such properties sometimes have their own theories as to what is happening. I was amused by one such explanation recently given by a small boy who thought the farmers were selling their farms for surveys because they were so badly overran with weeds that they could no longer produce crops!

Of course that is not the true picture, the large percentage of idle land in this county can be rightly described as speculative land. To illustrate what is happening let me relate a true story as told me by one of our pioneer farmers, now retired. He said: "You know my wife and I struggled along all our lives and tried to keep the weeds out of our farm but my neighbour was a shiftless sort of fellow and his place was always dirty. Finally it came up for sale so I bought the 100 acres for \$7,000. We began cleaning it up and after a few years of hard work the property was in good shape and we grew some very fine crops. However, we were not getting any younger, the hired help problem licked us so we finally sold it for \$9,000. What do you think happened? Well, the new owner was worse than the first one, he didn't work the place at all. He didn't even live there so it just went back to weeds and we had to watch all our hard work being wasted. But that isn't all. On top of all this he sold the place last year for \$100,000 and kept 10 acres."

While this example may be rather an extreme case, it is however, somewhat typical of the change that is taking place in this area. We are soliciting the cooperation of the owners of idle land and the response is very gratifying. Whenever possible the owner is given the names of farmers interested in renting the properties or sometimes a hay buyer who will cut the crop for hay if it isn't too weedy. We recommend these practices to owners of idle land and last year there were numerous instances where they saved themselves the cost of cutting by the municipality.



Diary of a Vagabond BY DOROTHY BARKER

Policemen are among my favorite people. They have been ever since my early reporting days when I was a stringer for one of Canada's largest newspapers. If it hadn't been for the police I would never have made the Royal Tour. Loaded with credentials, copy paper and aspirin I eased myself into my coach seat on a recent morning before the dawn had broken into a pink glow on the horizon. In a few hours I would be aboard the Royal Train. At least that was the way the plan was laid down.

When I heard the conductor announce that our coach would be held up on a siding outside Toronto to let the Royal Train pass on its way to Hamilton, my heart sank. I was supposed to be in Hamilton well ahead of Her Majesty. I began to put my ingenuity to work for I couldn't afford to sit on a siding indefinitely.

Any newspaper person can tell you there are more ways than one to skin a cat. My tale of woe gained the sympathetic ear of the conductor who introduced me to another CNR official also en route to Hamilton. I didn't realize it at that moment, but this civvie-garbed gentleman was later to be a uniformed member of the security guard.

All police officers are reticent about making promises. After gruffly advising me to get off the train at the siding and grab a taxi to drive me to Hamilton, my knight of the rails said there was a possibility there might be room for me in the car that was meeting him, to get me to my destination.

When the early morning train ground to a halt we were a mile from the station. The conductor gallantly lifted me from the high step onto the crushed stone roadbed of the adjacent tracks. I mimed tortuously on high spike levels behind a stalking mountain of a man. He was solicitor's enough to glance over his shoulder every once in a while and ask: "I was all right. Fine, fine," assured him as I cussed those heels, two blisters, a wrenching ankle and an empty stomach that ached for a hot cup of coffee.

Luckily the rabbit's foot in my pocket began to pay off. When we reached the station one of the five gentlemen who was to roll over the highway, was a superior lounge, bedroom and bath, charming dining arrangements and a lighted platform where she could wave to her loyal subjects, were all amazingly roomy in spite of their necessary compactness. I found the secret of the Queen's wrinkle-free frocks and the crease in Philip's trousers was the well-equipped pressing and baggage car, a dream come true for the Queen's dresser and the Prince's valet.

Henry Ford Museum Expects 30th Year Events to Bring Biggest Crowds in History

The Henry Ford Museum and Greenfield Village, observing the 30th anniversary of its founding, expects that events and exhibitions scheduled for this year will bring the greatest attendance in history. Dr. Donald A. Shelley, executive director, pointed out that nearly a million persons saw the museum and village last year to establish an all-time visitor mark.

In the first six months of 1959, attendance has been running some 6,000 ahead of last year with the best summer months ahead. Dr. Shelley said, July, August and September normally bring the greatest number of tourists. From present indications, a new single day visitor attendance mark of 13,611 established last year at the Old Car Festival may be bettered this year when the Old Car Festival on Sunday, September 20, will be combined with the terminus of the famed Glidden tour, sponsored annually by the Antique Automobile Club of America, bringing together more than 600 antique cars.

Since October 21, 1929, when the museum and village were founded by the late automotive pioneer Henry Ford, visitors have totalled nearly 14 million. Located in Dearborn, 15 miles from downtown Detroit, the indoor museum, occupies 14 acres and Greenfield Village, an outdoor museum of Americana, 200 acres. Both are non-profit, educational institutions dedicated to the preservation and display of historically significant and artistic Americana.

Pacing the events planned for the remainder of the 30th anniversary year are three national automotive meets. They are the Lincoln Continental Owners Club National Rally on Saturday, July 25th which will bring together nearly 100 of these cars produced from 1941 through 1948. The Ford Model A National Rally, scheduled for August 6-8, will bring together nearly 250 of the successors to the famous Model T while the Old Car Festival in September will wind up the automotive events.

Three exhibitions currently are in progress in connection with the 30th anniversary year. They are "Schoolroom Progress, USA," a two-car travelling exhibit contrasting classrooms old and new, here through August 23rd, "The Story of Henry Ford Museum," which shows how Ford pioneered in collecting Americana, starting with the restoration in 1919 of the original Ford home and continuing through the building of the museum and village; and "Civil War Panorama, a series of 15 paintings of highlights in the War between the States by Thomas Clark-Son Gordon, self-taught artist and Union veteran.

Other events and exhibitions scheduled the remainder of the year are: September 24-October 11—American folk art from the Rockefeller collection, featuring outstanding examples of painting and sculpture by America's early untrained artists. October 10-11: Fifth Annual Muzzle Loaders turkey shoot bringing together more than 200 devotees of oldtime firearms including members of Civil War commemorative regiments dressed in Union or Confederate uniforms. October 21-November 30: Treasures of the Henry Ford Museum, placing on display for the first time in one place the rare and outstanding treasures from the nation's largest collection of Americana. December 4th through the holidays: Annual Christmas exhibition, dramatizing customs and traditions of American nineteenth century Christmas observances. Both museum and village are open the year around.

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