

# SUGAR AND SPICE

by Bill Smiley

## It's Time To Be Outdoors

This is a time of year when there should be 24 hours of daylight, when a man should be able to keep going 24 hours a day, and every man should be on a month's vacation.

Think of that fishing. Bass muskies, pike and rainbow trout, just lying around there drooling, wishing somebody would toss them a lure. With the water so cold their flesh makes chicken taste like desiccated rubber.

In the bogs the ducks chuckle and in the bush the partridge chortle. Whether it's a bitter morning crouched in a blind, or a stealthy stroll down a sun-filtered wooded road, everything beckons the hunter.

And there's the golf course. A crisp day, the turf like velvet and all the tourists and women out of the way at last. Nothing to distract. Fat bottoms in Bermuda shorts are replaced by plump black squirrels intent on filling the larder with acorns.

And everywhere there's sky as blue as a virgin's veins, blue-black water welcoming, butterfly-golden sun and blazing bush to delight the eye and uplift the soul.

Every orange-blooded Canadian, from the most venerable of bird-watchers to the Grade Four tyke who must have a leaf collection, yearns to be out in the world in the most wonderful time of the year, in the most wonderful life that any of us will ever have.

And what are we all doing? We're behaving like typical Canadians. We recognize the beauty, the allure of autumn, but we do nothing about it.

If we're youngsters we go to stupid school. If we're oldsters, we rake the ruddy leaves. Or we worry about the silly storm windows. Or we go to idiotic meetings to exchange inanities. Or we trudge off to some ridic-

ulous job in order to put food in our mouths and oil in the tank. Just because it's fall and all these asinine activities are back with us.

It's not only unintelligent. It's unfair, unpatriotic, unscrupulous, unreligious, and unbelievable.

For many years I have longed for a holiday in the fall. And for years I have been denied it because of the incredibly insane social structure in this country, which decrees that you have holidays in the summer, or, if you can afford it, an equivalent 'hot-holiday' in winter, down south.

Who wants holidays in the summer? With long evenings and weekends, we can fish, swim, boat to our hearts' content. And with the up-coming four-day work-week, there'll be even more time.

But we're stuck with an archaic system that seems to be tied to the school year. On Labor Day, we all go back to the plough, and spend the most glorious weeks of the year at mind-numbing monotonous chores.

Not for us the gold and blue of autumn days at our myriad lakes, the wild fire of sumach on the hills, the honk of wild geese flying, the wood fire's warmth on a cool evening.

Now, after Labor Day, we don't sober garb and pious mien, crawl back into our huts and begin once again the pretence that life is real and earnest.

It's just as well they're not planning to make me Minister of Education. If they did, there'd be a month's holiday in June, school through July and August (until one p.m. every day) and six week's holiday beginning Labor Day.

Don't worry. It will never happen in this country. It's much too sensible.

STEWARTTOWN

## School Open House Enables Township Teachers To Meet

Stewarttown School was a busy spot Monday afternoon, when the staff held Open House for the teachers of Esqueving Twp. schools.

It was a marvelous opportunity for the new teachers to become acquainted with their fellow workers and also meet some of the Board members.

Coffee and cookies were enjoyed. We welcome Mr. Ronald Chatten as the new Principal. Mr. J. Sturgess as Principal - Relief Teacher and Mr. Peter Gardiner the Grade 7 teacher, as the new staff members and the return of the previous staff. Mr. Leonard Jackson, Mrs. Eleanor McKeown, Mrs. Margaret McKelvey, Miss Hilda Boyes, Miss Barbara Whitmee, and Mrs. Theresa Hearn.

Mr. Chatten formerly taught in North York and Oakville where he is presently living, his wife being a teacher on the Oakville staff. They have one daughter.

Mr. Sturgess is a local man, his home is on the 5th line and the Check Line. We are sorry to report his wife passed away

the latter part of August. The sympathy of the community to him.

Mr. Gardiner moved here from Garson, Mrs. Gardiner is a member of the Pineview teaching staff and with daughter Cindy live in Milton.

Mrs. Emily Hicken has returned from a very pleasant holiday in England. She made her headquarters in Cheltenham with her brother and visited relatives in London, Cheltenham, Leamington, and Siskiead, Cornwall. She also visited Warwick, Kenilworth and Gloucester, and enjoyed some lovely drives through the Cotswolds, Painswick and Stroud Guiting Power. Mrs. Hicken also visited with relatives in New Jersey. The trip was made by BOAC and at each airport she reported having wonderful help and attention at London and Kennedy airport.

Mrs. Wm. Emslie flew to New York to meet her mother and visited with a cousin in New Jersey for a few days.

Mrs. Hicken celebrated her 79th birthday while in Cheltenham, her old home.

## Trip To Israel In 1967 For John McGee, Norval

John McGee, Norval has been officially named as Canada's recipient of the Pioneer Women Centennial travel award.

Selected by the Canadian Council on 4-H Clubs from nominations submitted by the provinces John will travel to Israel in the summer of 1967 to study the customs, agriculture, education and government of the country. During the same period, a girl from Israel will visit Canada for a similar program of travel and study, with all expenses for the two exchange delegates assumed by Pioneer Women of Canada.

John, who resides with his parents on the Norval farm, has a record of outstanding scholastic, 4-H, and community achievement. He has completed fourteen 4-H Clubs and last year along with Lois Hunter was a member of the Ontario 4-H Inter-Club Championship Crop team. This year John was president of the East Halton 4-H Calf Club, and the Halton 4-H Conservation Club, and

vice-president of the Halton 4-H Grain Club. He is presently enrolled at York University.

Aside from his achievements in 4-H, John obtained highest standing in Grade eleven, and won several literary and athletic awards including the Red Cross Bronze Life saving medal. In music, John has his grade eight certificate in piano from the Royal Conservatory of Music and is assistant church organist.

In a letter to Pioneer Women 4-H Council president, L. J. Murphy of Hamilton, expressed the gratitude of the 4-H Club movement in Canada for the opportunity to participate in this unique Centennial youth travel program. The award, he stated, "was truly in keeping with the educational objectives of 4-H in Canada, and abroad."

Thus John McGee will represent not only the County of Halton, but the 75,000 4-H Club Members in Canada for a two month period in Israel next summer.

## Revolutionary Legal Aid Scheme Explained To Halton Lawyers

A revolutionary legal aid scheme that will help a humble widow make up her will and a person to appeal to the Supreme Court of Canada was described to members of the Halton County Bar Association last week.

The scheme based on an English system, has been described as "the finest in the world" — and it will operate in Ontario.

Telling them of the new legal aid scheme was Andrew M. Lawson, director of the scheme which will become fully effective late December.

### Main Point

Main point of the scheme is to eliminate the aspect of charity which the earlier legal aid had and also to assure legal aid for all who need it.

Mr. Lawson commented, "There is no longer a law for the rich and a law for the poor. Under the new scheme he will pay for legal cost what he can afford."

And this will be determined by the Dept. of Welfare.

The act will be administered by the Law Society of Upper Canada which is the governing body of the legal profession in Ontario. It's subsidized by the provincial government.

Highlights of the scheme: After an applicant has obtained a legal aid certificate he can pick any lawyer he wishes; duty counsellors will be available at magistrates courts to give legal aid on the spot — even before any formalities.

Mr. Lawson declared: "No accused person in Ontario should ever be able to say he did not know his legal rights."

The act covers everything from a summary conviction and, if necessary, right up to the Supreme Court of Canada.

And Mr. Lawson says it will even help a little old widow who can't afford to pay for her will to be drawn up.

He says there are very few legal costs it does not cover.

### On Tour

Mr. Lawson has been touring Ontario telling of the scheme and organization operating areas. He said he will recommend

that Halton become an operational area in itself.

An area director, area committee and duty counsel will be recommended by the Halton County Bar Association in the near future.

## Jail Sentences For Break And Enter District Youths

Glen Williams youth and a Georgetown youth each were jailed Wednesday for one year definite and six months indefinite after being convicted of a total of 17 break and enter charges involving theft.

Magistrate James R. Black placed four other Georgetown youths on 12 months probation for offences relating to similar incidents.

Thefts occurred in Halton and Wellington counties between May and July of this year.

The 16 year old Glen Williams youth was convicted on four charges. He was also sentenced to three months concurrent on each of three charges, with the 12 months jail sentence for breaking and entering the IGA Food Market at Erin.

The 18 year old Georgetown youth was also jailed 12 months for the same offence. He received two sentences of three months concurrent for breaking and entering at two other places.

The four placed on probation were ordered to pay court costs of about \$15 each.

The Crown withdrew a total of 21 other charges of a similar nature.

The offences involved breaking and entering the Erin food store, Georgetown IGA, Halton Co-Op in Georgetown, and a private dwelling at Stewarttown.

Their haul involved a small amount of jewellery, food, tools and radios.

Magistrate Black said the offences were "most serious" and had not been committed on the spur of the moment.

## Nine Club Members Compete In Show Georgetown Fair

On Saturday, October 14th, Halton 4-H Sheep Club held its Achievement Day at the Georgetown Fair, with nine of the ten members completing their project by exhibiting one lamb at the Fair.

In showmanship class, Doug Gardhouse placed first; closely followed by Lois Hunter in second place; and Janet Hunter in third.

Of the three entries in the market lamb class, Doug Gardhouse placed first; followed by Verna Thompson in second and Elizabeth Norrington in third place.

Of those members exhibiting in the breeding ewe class, Lois Hunter placed first; with David Catton in second place; Janet Hunter in third; Don Harris fourth; Lyle Stokes fifth; and Bob Harris sixth.

During the year Club Members were required to care for a flock of not less than five ewes, and exhibit one of the lambs at the Achievement Day.

The Judge for the Halton 4-H Sheep Club Achievement Day was Ray Clarkson, from Brampton.

## Showmanship Prize Goes To Paul Bennett

In the Commercial 4-H Showmanship Classes at the Georgetown Fair, the winner of the Junior event was Paul Bennett, who will receive a Gold Watch.

In the senior event, Doug Gardhouse placed first, but because he has previously received a gold watch for this event, the watch went to the sec-

ond place contestant, Marg Hunter.

Marg's older sister, Marlon, and her younger sister Lois, have also won watches in this 4-H Commercial event in previous years.

The judge for this 4-H Showmanship Class was Bertram Stuart, of Hornby.

When she on the contest, Miss America exclaimed, "With out my mom and dad, I would not be here." That girl knows her biology.

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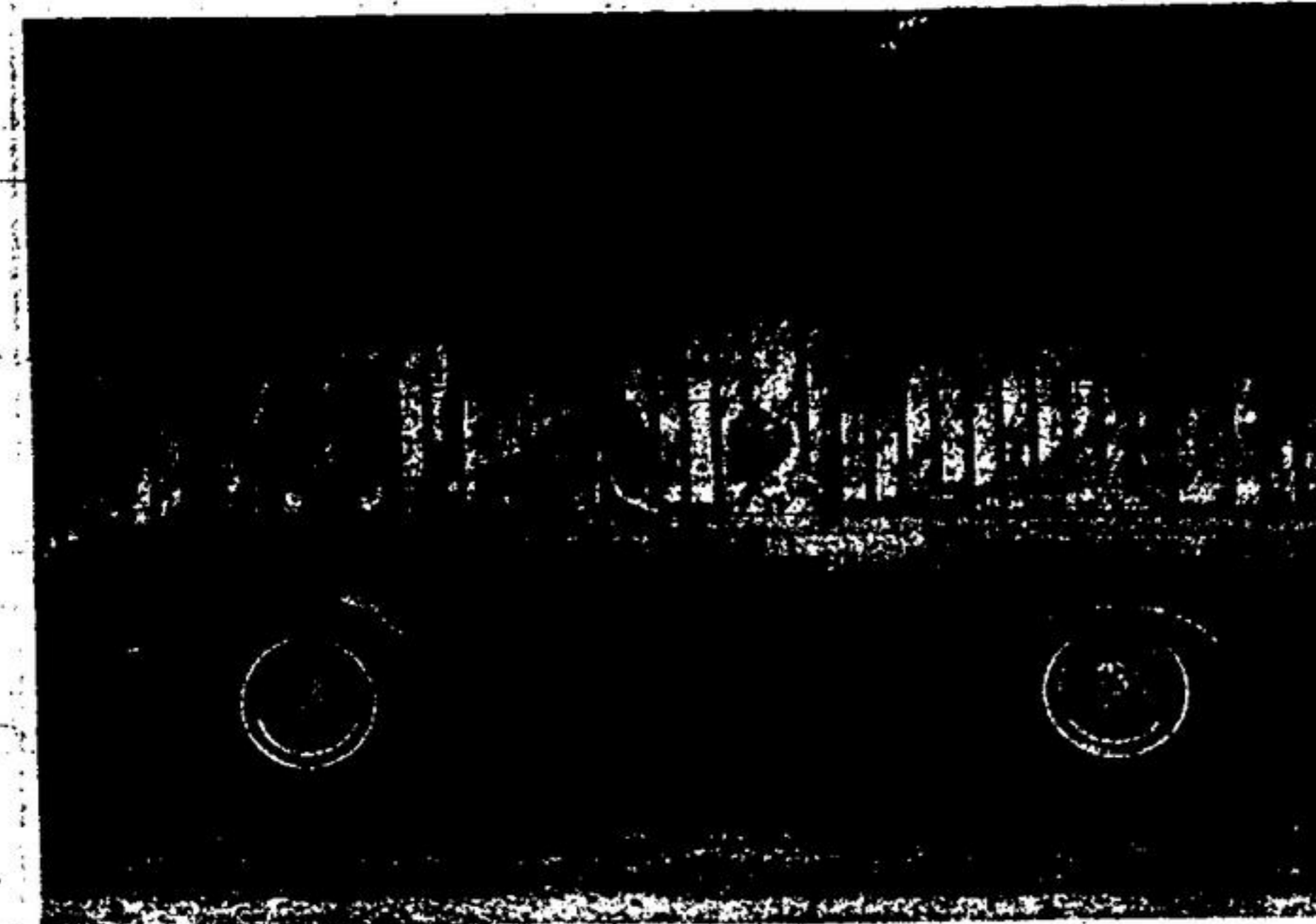
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