

THE DISTRICT AT A GLANCE

OK STORES, APARTMENTS, MEDICAL CENTRE

ACTON — A five store development in Acton business section, a new high rise apartment building complex and plans for a new medical centre, have been approved by the planning board. The planners were cool, however, towards a proposal from Lake Manor Holdings to erect a nine store plaza with 16 two bedroom apartments at the intersection of Guelph and Main Streets and the CN tracks.

ROCKWOOD GIRL CRASH VICTIM

ROCKWOOD — A 17 year old girl from R.R. 5, Rockwood and a Toronto man were killed in a two car collision at the intersection of county road 18 and 26 in West Garafraxa Township last week. Judith Ann McDougall, was a passenger in a car driven by Sandra M. Boyd, 19, of Fergus. Miss Boyd was taken to hospital in Fergus then transferred to Kitchener. William G. Harvey, 30, of Toronto, also died. His wife and two small children were hospitalized at Fergus.

OPEN NEW CATHOLIC CHURCH

ORANGEVILLE: The solemn blessing and official opening of St. Timothy R.C. Church was held in Orangeville last week. Archbishop Phillip F. Pocock, coadjutor bishop of Toronto, performed the opening ceremony and officially blessed the church. The building, hexagonal in shape, seats 450.

ACKMAN APPOINTED TO COUNCIL

Nassagaweya — Allan Ackman of Animation Productions, Ltd. and a resident of Nassagaweya Twp., for the past 17 years, was named this week to fill the vacant post of councillor for the township. The councillor has been active in municipal politics for many years both in Toronto and Nassagaweya. He contested the reevehip in the December election of 1965.

WINS FIGHT WITH UAW

OAKVILLE — Autoworker James Bridgewood has scored a singlehanded victory over the United Auto Workers, one of the largest, most powerful unions in North America. It was announced this week that the union will have to back down on their ruling to remove Bridgewood from office because he is a Communist party member.

FULL HOUSE FOR DEAF SCHOOL

MILTON — It will be another full house year for Ontario School for the Deaf in Milton. When totalled its expected enrolment will be 550, an increase of 40 over last year. Registration will likely be about 100 more than the school's dormitories can accommodate. The overflow students will live at home and commute daily.

REVIVE BRAMPTON CORE

BRAMPTON — A major plan to revive downtown Brampton is in the offing following a meeting of 50 merchants. "The downtown is dying," Rick Banks of Charters Publishing Co. warned merchants "because the merchants are surrounded by highly organized and highly aggressive chain stores who use sophisticated merchandising techniques." A six man committee was delegated to lay the groundwork for an improvement scheme.

Young Cyclist Dies After Acton Crash

An Acton youth was killed and his friend seriously injured in a motorcycle-car collision in Acton, Friday evening.

Dead is 18-year-old Leonard Vary of 280 Arthur Street. In Guelph General Hospital with multiple injuries is Daniel Bruce Harkley, also of Acton.

The two youths were riding westbound on a motorcycle when it collided with an eastbound car on Queen Street near Young St., said police.

Driver of the car was Reginald Andrews, 34, of 160 Churchill Road, Acton. He was not injured.

According to investigating officer PC Farlon, of the Acton OPP detachment, the accident occurred around 6 p.m. on a curve in Queen Street in a 30-mile an hour zone.

Vary, who was driving the motorcycle, died of a ruptured spleen, ruptured heart and fractured skull.

DID YOU KNOW?

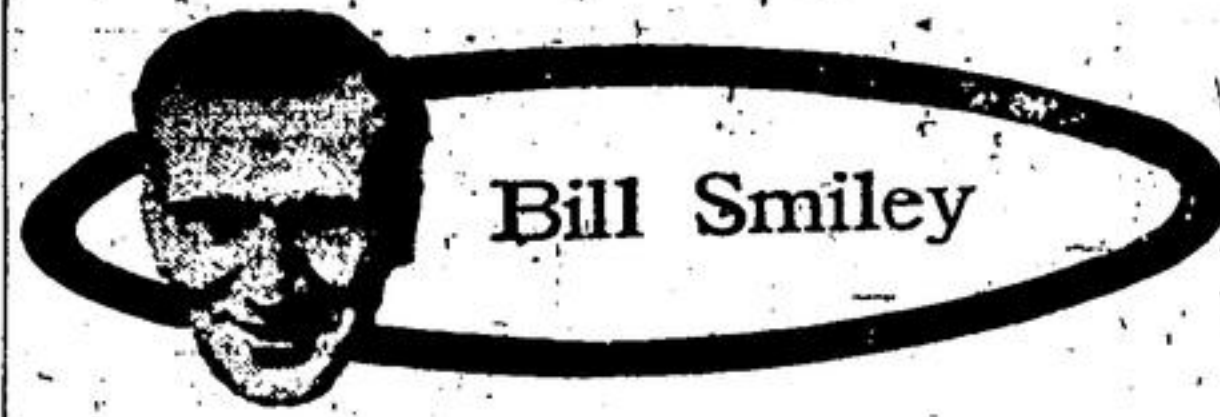
School hours were from day-break until dusk in Shakespeare's day.

The length of the Trans-Siberian railway from Leningrad to Vladivostok is 5,481 miles.



THREE HUNDRED ATTENDED VACATION SCHOOL

A vacation Bible school conducted by St. Paul's Baptist Church, Mountainview Road South, proved so popular this summer that about 300 youngsters were attracted daily. Mr. and Mrs. Paul Powers of Toronto were the guest speakers, presenting the Bible stories in a unique and captivating manner as parents discovered when they attended family night Friday. Above children leave St. Paul's at the end of the morning two and a half hour session. Below, they assemble on the floor to view a film. The vacation school operated from August 25th to 29th.



About Garbage and All That

Summer wanes, and so does the sky, and so do I. How and why do we wane? The summer wanes with sadness and dignity, as is her custom. The sky wanes regularly. And I wane violently.

Some people grow benevolent and kindly as they get older, I just get more violent. I hope I turn out to be an Angry old Man. And I know I will if I can just hang on long enough to get old. It's a world to turn anyone, even a gentle, sweet chap like myself, a bit savage. Don't think that I'm just getting crotchety. I've been crotchety for years. You hear people going around all over Canada saying, "My, isn't that Smiley crotchety?" And others reply, "Yes, crotchety is the word. If there's a word for it, it's crotchety."

Mind you, I love the world around me, and up to half a dozen people, and I laugh like a mental case at some of the things I see. But there is a limit to the amount of garbage I can stand being thrown in my face day after day in this year 1969 A.D. That makes me just like the Prime Minister.

For instance, we have so much surplus wheat that we have a national hernia, trying to lift it from here to there. Politicians go while trying to figure out what to do with it. Why don't we give it away? I don't mean the farmer, I mean Canada. Pay the going rate to the farmer and give it away to people who are starving. I go the taxes. So what? They go up anyway.

For instance, our educational system caters to the mediocre, to mass production of the mediocre, just like big industry. The intellectual elite among our kids are starved to death, that is, bored to death, and the kids who are below average are swept under the rug.

This means our schools are full of fat, lazy kids who are there only because they don't want to face the lean, cold world. I'd turf out on his or her tail, at 16, every kid who wasn't interested. And I'd let him back in, with generous help, when he became interested.

For instance, daily newspapers lie daily. Not downright lies. They merely slant, distort and colour the news depending on their policy and politics. However, it's a free country, and I guess they're free to lie.

For instance, television could be a tremendous force for spreading peace and love in the world. What it does is spread jam on cake, and violence on ignorance. With a few

notable exceptions, it serves its patrons garbage in a fancy wrapper.

Its entertainment does not entertain. Its news seeks out the sensational or the silly. Its commercials are aimed at a world of morons. Do you really believe, for example, that a certain brand of beer is making Canada famous throughout the world? Or that you can get clothes cleaner in cold water than in hot? Or that you'll never make it if your armpits sweat.

And for all this obscenity the three big U.S. networks last year split over two billion dollars in profits. The CBC, which gives us the same refuse, came up with its usual deficit. This shows the superiority of Canadian television. Somehow.

For instance, there are two laws. One for the rich and one for the rest of us. And any lawyer and any policeman knows it. If you're a dumb kid from Newfie, or an Indian who got drunk, you can rot in jail for a month or two before your case is even heard. If you're a middle-class doctor or businessman and you have the money and the right connections, you are home free and everything is hushed up.

For instance, poverty. Twenty million people living in one of the biggest countries in the world, with enormous natural resources. And millions living in sordid, squalid poverty.

For instance, the Church. Again with a few notable exceptions, it does not face life. It wrings its hands or washes them, Pilate fashion. You don't see many preachers charging into a finance company and brandishing a whip these days, do you?

For instance, this column is about garbage. And I just remembered this is garbage day and I forgot to put mine out.

Helps MD Fund Kid's Carnival

The generosity of a number of Boxway Drive children has added \$656 to the fight against muscular dystrophy. The children, Wendy Bouskill, 79 Boxway Drive, and Brian Peeters, 53 Boxway Drive, donated hotdogs, cake, pop, and prizes, and held a "carnival" to aid the cause August 27.

Neighbourhood children helped with the ware and played games for a penny.

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