Summer memories linger on

WHERE do the summers go? I know where the winters go. They go on and on and on. But Canadian summers seem to pounce out of a frigid spring, flourish like an exotic plant, and wither and die two months later.

I was looking forward to this past summer. Lots of golf, swimming, loafing, reading, a good visit with my grandboys, and arriving back at school for the last four months before I quit-tanned, fit, keen. Planned to do some fishing, a lot of walking, and some travelling, probably to the Maritimes.

Well, as Casey Stengel of the old Brooklyn Dodgers used to say, "Wait till next year. We'll murder the burns."

I've played golf twice, despite the beautiful weather, because I haven't had a leg to stand on; my right one. Next year I'm going to have it sawed off at the ankle and a tin foot implanted, as the great Douglas Bader did, when he lost both legs in a flying accident, got some artificial ones, and went back into combat as a fighter pilot.

Next summer, I'm going to swim every day at one of the great beaches in Canada, even though I have two perforated eardrums. I'm going to the Maritimes if I have to hitchhike. I'm going to catch a trout if I have to resort to a stocked pond.

I can't whine too much. I did have a good visit with the grandboys. I have a new one now. He used to be Balind, but the kids at school teased him for having such a funny name, so he forthrightly changed it to Ben. And Ben he is now. Not many people change their name at seven.

I also did a lot of reading and loafing, preferably at the same time. But it's hard to do both at once when your wife is talking ceaselessly about how she has stopped biting her fingernails, how she is planning to lose weight (and sneaks down in the middle of the night and eats four butter tarts), what happened at her summer course in music, and how many big bills are coming in against a rapidly shrinking bank account.

I'd planned to do some work on The Jungle—the bushes around our property.

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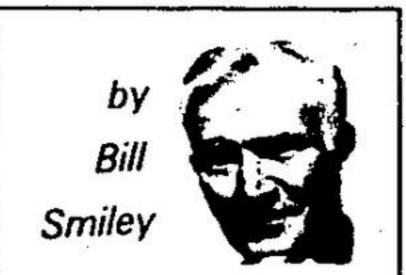
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Too hot. The Jungle is creeping closer every day, and I would not be surprised any day now to see an orangutan leap from one of the oaks onto the roof.

There have been diversions, of course. The street on which we live was invaded by a construction crew about mid-August, and they will finish about the end of this

That keeps one on one's toes. There's nothing like the growling of a buildozer outside your bedroom window at 7 a.m.

It's a grand summer operation, though, for elderly gentlemen, kids, and housewives with nothing better to do, than stand around and supervise a construction

Parking your car is something else. The construction crew digs a chasm 10 feet deep on one side of the street, and then fills it in again. Don't ask me why. They cheerfully throw in some gravel so that you can get into your garage.

Next morning, you saunter out about 8 a.m. to go and buy some milk or something. Right behind your driveway is the Colorado Canyon, and you'd need wings to get your car out, and the crew is up at the other end of the street.

It takes a few days of hairy maneuvering before you give up, and stick your car in the driveway of a kindly neighbor, on another street.

The big machines are not like puppets, either. They can do a lot, but my front lawn looks as though a herd of elephants had spent the night there, having a square dance. .

Late summer was saddened a bit by the death of Ted Reeve, the great old sports writer and athlete. He was \$1, and some reporter friends said he had at least four terminal illnesses about 20 years ago.

A huge hunk of bone and gristle, with a great broken beak of a nose and hands like a couple of gnarled frying pans, Ted Reeve was a gentle man and a gentleman, except when he was clobbering somebody with a lacrosse stick, or pounding an opposing lineman into pulp.

First time I met him was in the Toronto Men's Press Club, where he was wont to hold court with a collection of cronies. I walked in, a complete stranger, ordered a beer and sat alone. Within five minutes, Ted Beckoned me over to join the group. He didn't know who I was, didn't care, but out of sheer gregariousness, didn't want anyone to be left out. So there I was, a hick columnist, sitting with a group of top newspapermen of the day.

Every time I met him thereafter, be'd wave me over. He didn't even know my name, but called me "Wiarton," because I knew a Stevie Stephenson from Wiarton, against whose father Ted had played lacrosse six decades ago. "Dirtiest lacrosse player I ever met, but one of the best."

And finally, I have a letter from Mrs. Frederick E. Bevan of Vaynesboro, Georgia. She and her husband spent 40 years on the prairies "working our gun dogs." She still takes her Weyburn Review. Her brother-in-law was a P.O.W. in WWII, and she'd like to know where she could buy for him a copy of Boys, Bombs, and Brussel Sprouts, which I'd mentioned in this column.

Frankly, I don't know, Mrs. B. But it's out in paperback now, and I'll see that you get a copy, even if I have to send you my own. And thanks for your warm and generous letter.

So much for a beautiful summer. I hope you had one. My ear-drum goes "click" about once an hour. Maybe I should get a tin ear along with the tin foot, and a tin nose, which a doctor has been trying to get me to have straightened for 10 years. Any donors?

Georgetown

Obituary

Kathleen Anthony

Funeral services for Mrs. Kathleen Mary Anthony were held August 1, 1983 at the Shoemaker Funeral Home in



Kathleen Mary Anthony

Mrs. Anthony passed away on July 28, 1983, at St. Joseph's Hospital,

Hamilton, after a brief illness. She was born on May 9, 1911, in Galt, Ontario, the daughter of John Smith

Beckett and Mary Minerva Ruddell. Mrs. Anthony taught school at S.S. No. 5, south of Port Sydney in 1938-39, the Village of Port Sydney School 1940-42, and locally at Banockburn.

She married Joseph Herbert Anthony on January 26, 1946 in Georgetown. They established a Holstein dairy herd near Limehouse, which Mrs. Anthony carried on after her husband's death in

Macrame and reading were other interests, but Mrs. Anthony very much enjoyed her grandchildren and cattle. Her ready smile and friendly chats will be missed.

Mrs. Anthony was predeceased by two brothers. Left fo mourn their loss are sons Frank and Fred and their families of Limehouse, and Mrs. Anthony's brother, John Beckett and family of Cambridge, Ontario.

Interment was at Fairview Cemetery, Acton.

Recall certain smoke detectors

Halton Hills Fire Department advises that Honeywell Battery Operated Smoke Detectors Model TC89C and Model TC89B have been voluntarily recalled by the manufacturer. These detectors were distributed in Canada between January 1976 and May 1978. The models TC89C and TC89B, because of the way the circuit board is mounted, may malfunction when smoke is present, though the unit would still alarm if the test button is pressed.

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Should further information or assistance be needed please contact the Halton Hills Fire Department, Fire Prevention Division at 877-5185, ext. 71.

Cow, car collide

An RR1 Erin man escaped injury after his car struck a cow standing in the middle of Highway 25 1.3 km. North of Wellington County Rd. 50, accroding to Guelph OPP. About \$600 damage was sustained by the car and the Black Angus cow suffered undetermined injuries.

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