

THURSDAY, JUNE 17th, 1937

TOO BUSY TO READ

"An hour with a book would have brought to his mind the secret that took him a whole year to find. The facts that he learned at enormous expense were all on a library shelf to commence with. For our hero, to busy to read; He was also too busy, it proved to succeed. We may win without credit, skill or a smile. We may win without patience or spite, purpose or will. We may even succeed if we're lacking in wit. But take it from me, as a mighty safe hint—A civilized man cannot win without print!"

TWENTY YEARS AGO

From the issue of The Free Press of Thursday, June 21st 1917

Dr. H. A. Cox has just installed a gasoline service tank on Main Street, at his residence.

Mrs. (Dr.) R. W. Scanlon, of Port Elgin, who was visiting Acton relatives over Sunday, sang a solo with much acceptance at the evening service in the Methodist Church.

The young ladies of the Intermediate Red Cross had a very fine display of their work in Miss Soper's window last week.

Mr. John Cameron returned from the session of the General Assembly at Montreal on Thursday. During the sessions he was with Mr. William McPhail, of Brandon, Man., formerly of Acton, much of the time.

Light. Beatty O. Arnold, of Georgetown, who has been on the firing line for some months, arrived home last week on furlough to recuperate from serious illness. He was given a rousing reception.

Rev. Geo. I. Stephenson, B.A., is the new minister of the Methodist Church, Nassauvillage.

E. H. Cleaver of Burlington, was the unanimous choice of the Convention of the Union Reform Association, as candidate for the Ontario Legislature.

DIED

ARGO—Al Eden Mills, on Sunday, June 17th, 1917, Margaret Argo, in her 72nd year.

MINING ACTIVITY IN GORDON LAKE AREA, NORTHWEST TERRITORIES

Reports indicate that there will be considerable mining activity this season in the vicinity of Gordon Lake, N.W.T., where some eight hundred mineral claims have been staked as the result of the gold strike last summer. Aerial transportation companies have been busy moving men, equipment and supplies to the lake which lies about fifty miles northwest of Yellowknife Bay, Great Slave Lake. With the opening of water navigation it is expected that the number of men on the ground will be greatly increased. This season's work will be of a preliminary character, consisting mainly of test pit staking, diamond drilling, etc. The gold in this area occurs in quartz associated with galena, sphalerite, chalcocite, pyrite and stibnite. One vein is reported to average eight feet wide and has been traced for seven hundred feet with visible gold in several places.

The principal companies and syndicates interested in the field are—Territorial Exploration Company Limited, Consolidated Mining and Smelting Company of Canada Limited, Ventures Limited, International Mining Corporation, Sun Belt Mines Limited, Burwash Yellowknife Mines Limited, Northwest Exploration Company Limited, B. & C. Syndicate Limited, Yellowknife Gold Mines Limited, Karl Springer Syndicate, A. E. Syndicate, Connell Syndicate, C. L. Freeman Syndicate and Gordon Lake Syndicate.

The Department of National Defence will install a radio station at Gordon Lake in the near future to provide ready means of communication for the mining public.

"YOU MET YOUR LIFE"

The spirit of the twentieth century is speed. The automobile chug-chugged its way into the Canadian scene as the tumultuous twentieth century began. Nobody took this "foolish contraption" very seriously. It was a passing fad—a relatively harmless toy for the young bloods of the day to play with—and if an occasional chicken lost its life, the damage could be righted by a few contrite words and perhaps a dollar.

The fad, however, did not fade. Instead, the automobile became an "all-important factor in modern civilization."

It is unfortunate that we have not yet learned to enjoy this marvelous instrument of transportation without paying a tremendous price.

Year after year the traffic death record grows worse. That it did not improve in 1936, at a time when most encouraging advances were noted in law enforcement and traffic engineering in general, indicates but one thing—that highway safety is a personal problem which must be solved by each individual himself and not one which will yield readily to wholesale solutions and edicts.

The traffic problem is "YOUR problem." Your stake in it is high, for it is your very life. Will you continue to let your life, to substitute chance for caution and uncertainty for safety, or will you, by driving safely, do your part to end this senseless lottery?

There is one simple rule of driving that will make our streets and highways safe for everyone who uses them: "Drive as you would have others drive."

And that simple means "TRY COUNT-LESS" every minute you are behind the wheel of a car, just as you do in your business and social life every day.

Chronicles of Ginger Farm

Written Specially for
The Acton Free Press
GWENDOLINE F. CLARKE

We keep about half-a-dozen pigeons—at least we don't exactly keep them, but they stay with us. If you know what I mean—get up house in your barn and get a living where they can. Our neighbor says, "The pigeons eat the corn and the pigeons eat the baited food. Daughter climbs up to the straw loft, finds a dying pigeon, and then another. They die—the birds, dreadfully afraid the cats might find the pigeons, eat them and die, too. And then I spend the rest of the day trying to keep the pigeons in the house and out of harm's way. But Mitchell doesn't like being so kept. He looks at the door, meows plaintively and gazes at me with such a hurt expression when I don't open the door for him—you just know he is thinking—'What, stay in the house when there's birds to catch, pigeons in the barn and field mice on the run—no, thank you. The house is all right in the winter, but a nice warm stove to sit by, but the great outdoors is the place in summer for any self-respecting cat, with a love for legitimate sport.'"

And so I have had a great time all day trying to keep Mitchell in the house. He just watches his time and when someone comes in, away goes Mitchell. We can only hope he doesn't find a poisoned pigeon. We lost one specially nice cat that way, and we don't want to lose another. Partner pretends he does not share our concern for Mitchell's safety. He says he doesn't like cats—they are nothing but a nuisance. But I remember it was he who rescued Mitchell from the top rafter in the barn, for some reason or other, Mitchell couldn't get down. And it was Partner who walked along the creek thinking Mitchell might have got caught in a trap, one time when we thought he was lost.

There is also the case of the cat at the barn—Scottie—who has four little kittens. She made her nest in the horse hay and it was Partner who put a board alongside Scottie's nest to protect her and to keep the kittens from getting smothered or stuck with a pitch fork. No, Partner doesn't like cats, he says so, and of course we must believe him. But he has rather a nice way of showing his dislike, don't you think?

Partner has been very busy fixing fences all the week. It's an annual job and a tiring one. It always seems to fit in between seeding and haying.

As for me, between chickens, the Women's Institute and gardening, I have just about been on the run.

Thursday was the District Annual—I took a load and was away all day. Wednesday I had promised a friend I would take her to visit another friend, and so was away all day again. Thursday was the day of our own Institute meeting, and of course it had to be done too. Friday was chore day and shopping day. Saturday, baking all morning, and then in the afternoon I took myself out to the Girls' Achievement Day. I was awfully tired, I didn't want to go out, but after I got there I found the demonstrations the girls put on, and the work they had done so interesting and worthwhile, that I was very glad I made the effort to go. It does seem a pity more of the senior members do not turn out. We older people are quick to talk about the free and easiness of modern youth, but when our young people are really doing something worth while, how much sympathy and encouragement do they get?

So now I come to Saturday night, with very little to show for my week's work, but yet I've been busy all the time.

One morning when I was up in the barn fixing things up for my two-weeks-old chickens, I thought I would let them loose while I cleaned out their dishes, etc. I did, and well I know it. Did those chickens fly? In five minutes they were all over the place—seventy of them—and what a time they had. And what a time I had! No one to help me get them penned up again, and while I was shooting one lot in, another lot would come out to meet them, and away they would all go again. Of course I was calling myself everything I could think of for not having more sense than to let them out. At the long last I got them shut up again, and the next minute I heard Peter barking and Partner cawling. Running out to see what was the matter, what did I see but four horses and two colts in our front barley

field and about a dozen head of cattle turning in at the gate.

Someone—an agent, likely as not—(agents, please note!)—had been into our neighbor's place and when coming out had left the road gate open. All the horses and cattle had to do was walk out and—like my chickens—unexpected liberty just about sent them wild. The owner and his man were soon after them and between the lot of us we soon had them back where they belonged. No real harm was done, but chasing things sure can put a crimp in a morning's work!

We haven't started haying yet. Partner thinks perhaps he may start on Monday—weather permitting.

CANADA'S FORESTS

A stocktaking of Canada's forest resources has not yet been completed, but through the use of aerial photography information is being collected at a rate undreamed of a few years ago. Completed estimates show a total stand of 245 million board measure of saw timber and 1,100 million cords of smaller material. Of the saw timber some 215 billion feet is softwood, of which 116 billion feet is in the province of British Columbia.

In Eastern Canada from Nova Scotia to Eastern Manitoba is a mixed-wood forest. Softwoods include the pines, which for over a century have been the mainstay of Canada's lumbering industry, and spruce and balsam, the basis of pulp and paper manufacture. Specially refined spruce pulp is the source of rayon and artificial silk widely used in the clothing industry. There are also many hardwoods, including the valuable yellow birch and maple, which find an increasing market in the furniture, interior finish, and wood-working industries.

North of the mixed woods is a great belt of softwoods that stretches from Labrador across Canada in a northerly direction, almost to the mouth of the Mackenzie river. Here is a great reserve for future use in paper and lumber manufacture. South of this forest in Manitoba, Saskatchewan and Alberta is another mixed belt where popular and white birch are found together with spruce and jackpine. In British Columbia are great forests of distinct species of trees that make up more than one-half of the standing timber of the country. Along the Pacific coast grow the renowned Douglas fir, red cedar, hemlock and Sitka spruce—the source of a great export trade.

SLATS' DIARY
BY OLIVER N. WAJUREN

Sunday: Well, folks, vacation are in full swing & I & Jake & Blitters is a worked hard at it. We got up at day-late this a.m. so as to go to S. S. And also incidentally cut some weeds in our gardens so as to go fishen in the p. m.

Monday: Intirely 2 match race. May be okey doke for farmen but for fishen it are n. g. & I have to report only 1 of 3 expert fisher men. The water are all wet and muddle but we ride a swim. Which were good.

Tuesday: Looks to me like Jake, gets temperer all the time. His family was a discuss when was the 1st car made & he sat was it there car. He otto no better than I think. What do you think.

Wednesday: Kley and to Jake has slats ever kist you agent yare-will & Jone replide sed No but he thinks he has, the pore cap. Meby these dimes are smarter than they seem to be. I sum this wander about that very thing.

Thursday: Ma sat Pa for 2 \$ \$ & Pa sed it taken a lotta branes to ern that mitch mummy & then Ma sed Well, of, a \$ will do then. Pa diddnt seem to like to cum back none 2 well. But I dont no preackley why. As he pot off so easy.

Friday: Blitters Pa sat him did he no whair Nee York sat & Blitters replide & sed the Glents are playen at home & he blives the Yanks are in Shecago. Witch ansered the 2 kerreckley.

Saturday: Well the forth of July are not fur n the futher & I & Jake & Blitters & sum more of are gane wandring what to do about it. The fipal derlisen were to get that ball tem from the uthr side of town nro a gure & then meby we can have a few good fites and etc. As them kids like fite bettern etc.

DIFFICULTIES OVERCOME

Life affords no higher pleasure than that of surmounting difficulties, passing from one step of success to another, forming new wishes and seeing them gratified. He that labors in any great or laudable undertaking has his fatigues first supported by hope and afterwards rewarded by joy.

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First Girl: "George's moustache made me laugh."
Second Girl: "It tickled me, too."

PRAIRIE AND MOUNTAIN IN ALBERTA

Most westerly of Canada's prairie provinces, Alberta offers varied attractions to tourists, including more than 7,000 square miles of national parks. With a main highway system linking all the principal mountain resorts with the chief cities and towns, and attractive rural holiday spots, Alberta's vacation grounds are accessible to the motor tourist from any part of the continent.

In Alberta, mountain and prairie meet, and the tourist is afforded an opportunity to blend the delightful prairie scenery with the striking grandeur of the Rockies. The crest of the Rocky Mountains running northward from Glacier Park in Montana is the boundary line which separates the southern parts of the provinces of Alberta and British Columbia. The eastern slope of the Rockies furnishes the watershed from which spring the rivers that water the whole of the West—Canadian prairie. This watershed is protected by a vast forest reserve running almost the entire length of the mountain area of Alberta, and here is found the hunter's paradise, big game abounding, while the mountain streams and lakes provide great sport for the fishing enthusiast.

HIS CRIME

"Why has your husband been summoned?"
"I'm not quite sure, but I think a policeman held up his hand and Jack put his foot on the exasperator!"

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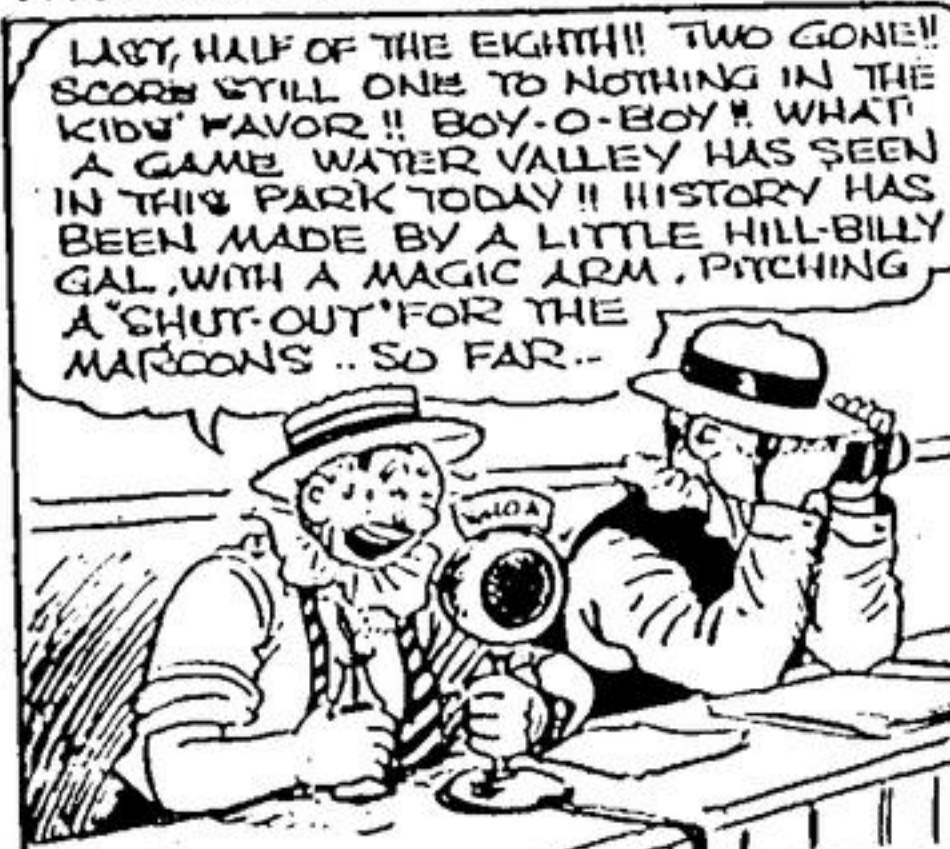
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King, Queen and Princesses Attend Royal Tournament



Queen Elizabeth and Princess Margaret Rose and Elizabeth are shown being greeted by Major-Gen. Sir Bertram Scrimgeour Brooke as they attended the opening of the royal tournament held at Olympia, London. The tournament is an annual affair and was attended by King George, the Queen and the two Princesses.

MUGGS AND SKEETER



By WALLY BISHOP

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