

EDITORIAL

I'm a Hell Driver

We were lured to the afternoon grandstand show at the C.N.E. last Friday to see the daring Hell Drivers put the cars through rough usage. Perhaps we craved some fresh excitement, because the rail strike was settled and the war in Korea wasn't making as much sensations since being pushed out of the headlines.

For an hour we watched the drivers do all sorts of things close to capsizing but with the whole road to themselves and ideal track conditions, pull out of spins. Might be well to remember these points if you have any idea of trying these stunts with your car.

Saturday morning we drove about Acton streets, went down Highway No. 25 and drove around Milton Streets. Both towns are installing sewers. The highway is due for surfacing and consequently has had little maintenance. We twisted the wheel to avoid holes and bumps; we slammed on brakes to ease the jolts. We did most of the things in a miniature way that we had witnessed the previous afternoon, except crash through a flaming wall.

Our car wasn't painted a bright yellow and we didn't have any applause from the grandstand because every other driver was going through the same contortions. We were jolted to the conclusion that perhaps we're all hell drivers in this district, but do not realize it.

Beneath It All

Symbolic of the city are the crowds of hurrying people, the honking horns, and the clanging street cars as they roll along, loaded with people hurrying to get somewhere. That is the picture conjured up by the visitor as he sees only the surface of a great metropolis in which speed seems to be the most important factor in the everyday life of the thousands that live there.

A city without a heart is not a city; it is a machine. But is there such a thing as city without a heart? To some who look on the surface of it, the city is heartless, but to the person who looks deeper the heart of the city is emphasized. Recently riding a street car through a downtown section, at the busy noon hour, we glimpsed what might be termed one of the little things that give a city its heart.

People were jostling, pushing, crowding through the doors of the street car and the operator continued, good naturedly, calling out the street names. In the middle of the block he stopped the car, opened the doors, got off and went to the curb. There stood a little girl with fair hair and pig tails earnestly watching the steady stream of traffic and clutching a quart of milk.

The motorman asked where she was going and she pointed to the other, distant side of the street. He took her hand and carefully guided her across the busy thoroughfare, and returned to the car with a smile on his face.

A Greek playwright aptly summed up a similar situation with "To live is not to live for one's self alone; let us help one another."

During the course of the day that motorman would help a number of people find their destination. But many of the speeding throng would never notice or care for they were looking only for the surface of the city.

Extend your outlook from that of city to that of nation and you will see greed, quest for power and a great many unpleasant pictures. But look at the heart of a nation to draw your conclusions of that great nation's desires.

In these days of a troubled world it's the big things that are discussed at the conference tables. Perhaps a realization and understanding of the little things like the motorman's act of kindness would paint a different world situation.

A Country of Employees

The trend toward greater dependence on government and a decline in individual enterprise is explained in no small measure by the reduction over the past century of the number of self-employed.

Prof. Summer Slichter, of Harvard University points out that 100 years ago more than half of the working population were working for themselves. Now less than one in five is his own boss.

"We are a country of employees. The number of skilled workers in proportion to our population is dropping while the number of professional people is growing 10 to 14 times faster than the labor force," Prof. Slichter states.

If this trend is to continue and if workers are not given a greater sense of management responsibility, the business interests which were once the leaders of thought and political action will soon take second place to organized labor.

Golden Days

School bells have summoned students and teachers back for the fall term and classes have begun for the youngsters.

It is with natural regret that some will return while others will be eager to get back to their desk in another grade with a new teacher. It's a fresh start for the majority of pupils and the work will be different for them. But after the first few days the novelty of the affair will wear off and they will be settled down to the daily routine that does not appeal to all.

For some children school will be a new experience. Starting in Kindergarten or Grade 1 everything will be new and different. But it is here that the future citizens of this great country will begin their careers which will fit them for a place as a worthwhile Canadian.

Associations with class mates will be fostered in the schools and from this beginning will develop the understanding of friendship that will no doubt play an important part in their future as Canadians.

Public School graduates will be entering a new chapter in their life too. They will be leaving the school where they have spent some eight years and advance to their place in a High School. New work and surroundings will again meet the student and they will develop an understanding of a new group of subjects.

For the High School graduate, there has been a serious choice to make. He must make his decision to either continue into the realm of learning or step into a place in the business world where he can apply his interests and realize his ambitions. Whatever the choice, it is one for serious consideration.

School Bells mean a lot of different things to a lot of different people as they present a new situation for pupils in varying steps on the ladder of education.

Family Allowances

More than one and a third million dollars have been distributed to children of Canada in family allowance payments since the Act came into effect five years ago.

The effects of this distribution of money are being felt in various ways throughout the ten provinces of Canada. Newfoundland, Canada's newest province, provides this example in a letter to one of the regional offices that distribute the allowances. The father writes "Prior to Confederation I could not clothe or feed my children, of which there are ten, and pay for their education. My oldest son had reached the age of eighteen years and did not complete the third grade. Each of the next four children of school age are similarly behind because of their lack of clothing and not being able to attend school."

The father had kept a very close check on the purchases made with the family allowance and there followed an itemized list, totalling \$671.23. Boots and shoes, pants, windbreakers, blankets and other clothes were on the list and at the end was an item of \$12.75 for a cart for one of the children who is an invalid.

The effect of the allowance that is felt in this family is being felt in many similar families across Canada. In June 1950, there were 1,867,598 families receiving the monthly cheques. From Newfoundland to British Columbia, the 49th parallel to North West Territories, the effect of the family allowance cheque is being felt and benefits derived.

The men and women who don't appreciate baby talk never had one of their own.

Still waiting for warm summer weather that usually characterizes a period between July and September.

Summer never really comes until we've dipped our winter-weary feet into a refreshing country brook.

Now if it could only put floors and ceilings on the thermometer, what a wonderful government we'd have.

There was variety of expression on the children's faces as they responded to the school bells on Tuesday morning.

The Canadian National Exhibition ends this week but we still have those friendly gathering places and the fine local exhibits which makes the fall fair here such an anticipated event.

An investment in soil conservation, in reforestation, in wild life preservation, is a reaffirmation of our belief in leaving to our children a heritage of which they may be increasingly proud.

THE GOOD OLD DAYS MAY HAVE SEEMED BETTER

Fifty Years Ago

From the Issue of the Canadian Champion of September 6th, 1900

County of Halton Exhibition, Milton, September 27th and 28th, 1904. Speeding on the track: free for all, trot or pace, purse \$60, divided \$30, \$20, \$10. Special attractions: hurdle competition, high jump, novelty race, tandem turnout, most comical turnout, best pair of high steppers, single high stepper. Special prizes: best gentleman driver, \$2 wool wrap rug by W. B. Clements; best lady driver, \$3 ladies hat by Miss Malloy; best lady rider, \$3 worth of goods by E. Marchand; best fat steer, \$5 cash by Geo. and Neil Patterson; best pen bacon hogs \$10 by Park, Blackwell and Co., Harris and Co., J. Featherstone, T. Parsons and M. E. Mitchell; best breeding pen of Plymouth Rocks, \$1 by E. W. Boyd; best collie dog, \$3 hat by John Lawson; best display of pies and cakes, \$5 carving set by Wood Valance; best 25 lb. butter, 100 ft. copper cable lighting rod, complete, put up by John W. Rymall; best looking girl on show grounds, shoes by Winn and Winn.

Henry Henderson, eldest son of Thos. Henderson, Milton, has been promoted to a first class position, that of agent for Dominion Express Co. for the city of Quebec. On Monday night, Chas. E. Hill, Peru, arrived at home with his horse and rig about 10 o'clock, put the latter in the stable and turned the former loose in the pasture field. About 11 o'clock Wm. Pollock, while passing on a bicycle, heard two parties talking in Mr. Hill's barn, but thought it was Mr. Hill and some of the family. Next morning the buggy, which was nearly new, a set of harness, a buggy rug and a \$5 set of ivory rings were missing as was also a large bay mare from Dr. Robertson's barn on the 1st line. Esquering. The thieves evidently drew the buggy down to the doctor's farm, hitched on the mare and drove in the direction of Milton.

Miss Millie Mitchell, saleslady for W. H. Lindsay for several years, leaves on Saturday for Victoria, B.C. where she has secured a good position.

Chief Constable Bradley's horse ran away on Main St. on Labor Day and was caught while going at a lively pace by Thos. Parsons.

OAKVILLE

Pedestrian Killed Struck By Truck

John Shroda, 62, was instantly killed on Monday night when he was hit by a pick-up truck on Dundas Street North. Driver of the truck, Peter Kroon, with a passenger Hardy Homer, both of R. R. 1, were driving north at 11:45 p.m. on their way to work on the second shift at Ferro Enamels (Canada) Limited when the accident happened.

Completely altering their recent victory pattern by waiting until the eighth frame before grabbing the lead for the first time, Al Yarnell's battling Oakville Oaks claimed a 6-4 win over Fergus Victorias last Friday night to annex the Halton county baseball association's intermediate A title.

With no less than four teams eagerly awaiting O.B.A. playdown competition, Oakville this week again forged well into the forefront among Ontario's top baseball towns. And, while coaches of the clubs in question have had no opportunity to size up prospective opposition, there is a strong feeling that this is the year that at least one provincial pennant will be raised to the peak on the Wallace park flagpole.—Journal.

Twenty Years Ago

Taken from the Issue of the Canadian Champion of Sept. 4th, 1930

Monday August 25th was the occasion of a very happy celebration in Nelson Village. It being the fiftieth anniversary of the wedding of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. A. Bell. This estimable couple have always been residents of Nelson township and hosts and friends are extending congratulations. Mrs. Bell was formerly Miss E. Powell, daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Henry Powell of Lowville and Rev. J. Bevan, rector of the Anglican Church at that place performed the ceremony 50 years ago. Mr. and Mrs. Bell's family are Mr. Lawrence Bell, Nelson, Mrs. Wm. Robertson, Lowville and Mrs. Robert Heatherington, Nelson. All of whom were present to celebrate with their parents, also 14 grandchildren and three great grandchildren. All surviving members of the groom's family were also present, viz. Mr. Thos. Bell, Goderich, twin brother Mrs. Mills, Milton; Mrs. Powell, Lowville; Mrs. E. Hunt and Mrs. Wm. Vivian, Nelson.

The deciding game for the O.B.A. Intermediate championship was played at Oakville on Monday, before a large crowd which Milton won 20 to 5, from Newmarket, due to heavy hitting by Milton and good pitching by Marsh.

Grace Church Rectory, Milton was the scene of a quiet wedding on Thursday afternoon, Aug. 28th when Mary W. daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Wilson of Milton Heights, was married to Mr. William A. eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Tight, of Milton, Rev. Canon Natfel officiating.

The new bridge over the Credit River at Huttonville will cost over \$11,000.

The handsome prizes won by Milton bowlers at the Hamilton and Toronto tournaments have been on exhibition in C. R. Turner's window.

Vera Cairns will resume her class in piano and theory on Saturday September 6th, at her studio, Royal Building.

Amos and Black, Moffat, short-horn breeders, F. C. Willmott and Son for their Hampshire Downs, and Duncan Campbell, Moffat, shorthorns, all won a number of prizes at the Toronto Exhibition.

GEORGETOWN

17 Ottawa Prizes McMillan Horses

Mr. and Mrs. Ken McMillan and Joyce attended the horse show at the Ottawa Exposition last week for the first time and made a wonderful showing with their horses. They returned home with eight firsts, five seconds, two thirds and two fourths. The McMillans had previously been in Ottawa where they completed last year at the Ottawa Winter Fair. Their next show this season will be the Canadian National Exhibition.

Swelling the total of the local enlistments in the Canadian Army Special Force to nine, Bill James and Jim Brandon left last Friday for training at Petawawa.

While visiting in town with Mr. and Mrs. Sol Dewhurst, Mrs. E. E. Young left a copy of the Detroit Free Press, featuring on the front page an excellent picture of the massed pipe bands at the St. Andrew's Day celebration held in that city recently. A member of the local Girls Pipe Band could be seen quite clearly in the foreground Mrs. Michael George (formerly Edna Aitken).

William Boal is the new manager of the Roxby Theatre. Mr. Boal arrived in town last week-end to take over the management of the theatre which is one of the Odeon chain.—Herald.

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