

Editorial Page

Small Town Charm

This is the time of year when life in a small town approaches perfection. The leafy greenness of tree-lined streets shades strollers, beaches and pools call holidaying children and along Main street steals an irresistible air of peace and relaxation.

Tourists from distant places give many communities almost their only "dog days" stir and, as they pause to chat with the local folk, they frequently comment on how fortunate people are to live in small towns with their leisurely pace and pleasant surroundings.

But is it enough for a small town to be merely pleasant and self-sufficient? Could it be that towns accessible to large cities are missing an opportunity for pleasure and profit by failing to take advantage of their position?

Their problem is to provide facilities that will attract city dwellers bent on a brief excursion to escape hot pavements and thronging crowds. This calls for studying

the local situation and determining what is needed.

Numerous American towns have summer theatres which attract drama-lovers from a radius of hundreds of miles. Some of our towns could establish similar theatres which would draw Canadian actors — and audiences — from the cities. Concerts in parks are increasing and attracting large audiences — they are a wonderful way to spend a summer evening.

Small town eating places, serving well-prepared versions of local food specialties, would be a boon to city neighbors and tourists alike. Many people will travel miles for an especially good meal.

The problem varies with the region. Its solution could contribute to the variety and enjoyment of life in Canada. The first step is to find the scheme best suited to a particular locality and usually, from then on, enthusiasm will help combine natural beauty and serenity with man-made attractions.

A Closer Link

Thousands of Halton pupils went back to school on Tuesday. It's an annual event but this year its significance is impressed by the increasing concern that is evident in our educational system.

It is as complex a problem as the number of individuals it affects. It is harassed by the pressures of Sputniks and flights to outer space. It is tremendously important because the developments of this generation and the achievements of the next will be in the hands of those who are educated today.

Our system of education has been in transition for centuries. Keeping pace with today's swelling population is a formidable task in itself but the addition of new facilities does not automatically provide the education.

Today we have been impressed with the ring of "easy terms" with the sugar coating and unfortunately this has, to a certain extent, found its way into our methods of obtaining education. But this is not the only problem.

It is difficult to generalize without error but there is, it seems, a strong need for a more intimate relationship between the parent-teacher-pupil chain. Here, indeed, the chain is only as strong as its weakest link.

A suitable home atmosphere for study is one requisite but besides that there is a strong need for encouragement that the pupil will seek new achievements and not be content with the "average" or the "pass".

A Place for Dreamers

In this great big country of Canada there should be ample room to stretch things out so that towns don't develop all cramped together and their expansion isn't similarly cramped into as little space as possible.

There isn't any doubt that this is one of the great challenges for local planning boards since certain economic factors are bound to play a part.

Extending municipal services over long stretches to serve a minimum number of consumers is, of course, expensive. The price of land is also a limiting factor since every investor attempts to get as much as possible from the land available. Then too, there is the continual encroachment on agricultural land that diminishes the productivity of the country.

But perhaps we are being conventional in our planning to a detrimental degree, and history will prove our folly.

A plan made for York in 1789, before it was chosen the provincial capital, provided a public square with eight principal streets

Only Leading Way

Someday it won't be news when a Prime Minister gives a party without serving alcohol. But when Mr. Diefenbaker, who heads the Canadian Government, did this recently, it made headlines in Canadian papers. In fact, he has done it twice. Mr. Diefenbaker is reliably reported as hoping to set a style for official entertaining.

This is a brave undertaking. It challenges economically and politically powerful influences that have historically sought to identify alcoholic drinks, not only with everyday life, but with official "high life", and indeed with the national prestige.

—Christian Science Monitor



—Photo by Esther Taylor

"September Gold"

Sugar and Spice

BY BILL SMILEY

I have just tried to wade through a novel, written by a woman, which contains 1065 pages of fine print. And I use the word "wade" advisedly. It was like lurching through a swamp, in a pair of hip waders, with a hundred pounds of wet fish in a sack on my back.

The only thing the novel conveyed to me, after hours of reading, was something of which I was already aware—that women talk too much.

Now, I am not trying to be offensive when I say that I am merely making a scientific observation. It's easy to utter generalizations, and I don't mean that all women talk too much. No more than a woman means all men, when she states flatly, and I've heard it a hundred times: "Men are selfish, utterly selfish!" She just means about 98 per cent of all the males she has ever known.

I've made something of a study of this, in moments of quiet desperation, and my conclusions are based on actual observations. My mother talked too much, my sisters talk too much, my wife talks too much, and my daughter is getting to be quite a yacker, if you pay any attention to her.

I repeat, I am not trying to be snide about this. It is merely an interesting phenomenon, which I

think has had an overwhelming impact on world history. Who, for example, started chewing the fat with that reptile in the Garden of Eden? Was it Adam?

Why do women talk so much? Is it because they're nervous? I doubt it. Is it because they feel insecure? I doubt that, too. Poor or rich, nervous or placid, fat or skinny, secure or insecure, they talk too much, and I honestly believe they can't help it.

Now I'm not trying to suggest that men are strong, silent types, who never open their mouths unless they are about to emit some morsel of wisdom. A visit to one of those dainty palaces of refreshment known in Ontario as "beverage rooms", on a busy Saturday afternoon, would convince anyone that men are a cross between a howling monkey and a laughing hyena, with a dash of Yorkshire hog thrown in.

No, indeed. Men can talk with the best of them, in short spurts. But few men can talk endlessly, without apparent effort. Most women can. And do.

I am not suggesting this is a bad thing, necessarily. The cheerful chirp of the ladies over teacups is a symbol that all is well with the world. The interminable telephone conversations about clothes and

pickles and what Maisie said to Thelma are reassuring sounds in a haywire society.

It is not the talk of women that sends nations reeling into annihilating wars. It is not the talk of women that introduces corruption into public affairs. It is not the talk of women that produces inflation, starvation and all the other atrocities that beset society.

No, these delights of the modern world are produced by the talking of men. It is the talking of women that soothes the frightened child, that soothes the old person in pain. It is the talking of women that keeps husbands from polygamy and a fondness for the grape. It is the talking of women that produces better schools and better hospitals.

No, there's no doubt about it. The hand that rocks the cradle rules the roost or something. Like weather, taxes and death, we can look forward to the talking of women as a sure thing, and while at times it might fray the nerves to the snapping point, it will not likely do the world any permanent harm.

Oh, oh! Here comes the Old Lady, back from a visit with Granny, where they've both been talking ceaselessly for two hours. I'd better hide this. She'll want to tell me everything they said, while it's still fresh in her mind.

Jim's JOTTINGS

BY JIM DILLS

● TUESDAY morning I couldn't help but notice a lot of children walking some of the roads I travelled as they gathered awaiting the bus that would take them back to school. It's funny how the first day of school sticks in your memory. In fact, while attending school it was always hard to believe the parental admonitions about the happiness of school days. I still remember the first day, though, a lot more clearly than the last.

● HIGHWAY 25 north of town has always been interesting despite the hundreds of trips over it. Lately, however, it's been more interesting than ever with the changing scene at the interchange. The detour is now all but erased and traffic is zooming over the new bridge. Won't be too much longer until all the construction marks are wiped out.

● AT MALTON airport on Monday morning, watching a relative off for distant points, I was just as interested as our two boys. Cars and jeeps scooting around, gas tankers fueling planes, luggage moving on conveyor belts, planes coming in and taking off and a great deal of other activity. It's many years since I watched from this point before and then we waited a long time just to see one plane land. Times do change.

● THOUGHT for a while I could forget about the lawn mower for

another year but rains not too far back certainly pushed through a new crop. Just then my lawn mower broke down, too. May be able to sell a crop of hay yet.

● TREES MAY soon be a thing of the past if elm disease and maple die-back continue to take their toll. Noticed along Highway 25 a number of maples appear to have that disease for which there is no known cure. The elm disease is also continuing to take its toll too.

● NOTICED in the Georgetown Herald last week that a new golf club is being opened over there. With the Georgetown course, the North Halton course that was opened two or three years ago and the rapidly growing Trafalgar course, there should be plenty of golf experts.

● TUESDAY was hot as may be remembered and I found myself looking over a very large roof. With the blazing sun, I don't think there could have been a hotter place. Enjoyed the air conditioning in Milton's council chamber that night.

● IT'S SURPRISING how interesting Milton's history can be. The thousands of items that the Champion has recorded in the past hundred years would challenge any historian. Someday maybe someone will have the time, inclination

and ability to pour over the files and do the necessary sorting. It's the kind of job that could involve years, though.

● NICE TO notice the red color disappearing from Sixteen Mile Creek. Work by P.L.'s seems to be having its effect in restoring what could be one of the area's most beautiful streams. There could be some beautiful park land along that stream.

● TOURED THE new hospital last Friday. It's terrific. If citizens could just tour it and see the sparkling interior, the beautiful rooms and the fine equipment that is there, they would certainly be more interested in paying off these pledges that are worrying Administrator Don McCallum.

● INCIDENTALLY, Ron Rupert mentioned the other day that the Safety Council could do with some more help. If you're looking for a spot in community service, talk to Ron or president Tim Milloy.

50th Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Tuck of Hornby will celebrate their 50th wedding anniversary on Tuesday, September 15, 1959. They will receive their friends and neighbors in the basement of Bethel Church in the evening from 7:00 p.m. to 10:00 p.m.

THE GOOD OLD DAYS

20 YEARS AGO

Taken from the files of the Canadian Champion, September 7, 1939.

"Britain declares war on Germany". The people of this district received the news on Sunday that Britain had declared war on Germany after making every effort to maintain peace. The news was received with calmness and determination to stand by Britain. Hu, he's Cleaver, M.P. for Halton stated on Sunday "Every possible effort compatible with safety has been made to prevent war. Repeated warnings were given to Hitler that if he persisted in acts of international banditry Great Britain and France would fight to preserve the peace and security of the world."

The increase in commodity prices since the outbreak of war provides abundant evidence that the Prices and Trade Board announced by the Dominion Government early this week was not appointed before it was needed.

The prosperity of our farmers is as much based on what the farmer has to pay for his commodities as the price he pays for his farm products.

Miss Muriel Norris and Miss Marie Wilson are now nurses in training in the Hamilton General Hospital.

Twenty-one mills was the tax rate struck by Nelson Township Council on Friday last, an increase of one mill.

The Canadian Broadcasting Commission's station at Hornby is being guarded by returned men on three hour duty.

The holes in the highway between Milton and Acton are most numerous at the Acton end. Perhaps the gravel applied was not evenly distributed between the north and south, or did it all slide down?

James and William Hamilton, oldest twins in Milton Heights, will celebrate their 36th birthday on Monday next, September 11th.

The township of Esquing has now been declared a game preserve by the Department of Game and Fisheries. Shooting of game in this particular area will now come under various provisions and regulations.

Lieut.-Col. Keene of Oakville, commanding officer of the Lorne Scots, has received instructions to mobilize. No difficulty is being experienced in raising the men, and mobilization is proceeding rapidly. The Lorne Scots is the county regiment of three counties, Halton, Peel and Dufferin.

Canada has contributed more than her share of original ideas and inventions which have been adopted by every nation of the universe. Canada built and demonstrated the first compound steam engine, railway sleeping cars, submarine telegraph, practical electric railway, electric stoves. Canada also originated the idea of making paper from wood pulp, standard time, panoramic camera. Canada also invented the telephone.

Mr. Jacob Colling, Delmar and Garnet Colling and Miss Myrtle Colling of Lovellville, spent the last few days with friends in Detroit.

50 YEARS AGO

Taken from the files of the Canadian Champion, September 9, 1909.

Mrs. W. J. Clements and Miss Janet Little left for the west on Tuesday, the former to visit her son at Wilkie, Sask., and the latter to join her brother George at Handsworth, Sask., where she intends making her home in the future.

Commissioners Harley of Halton and Jackson of Peel met at Brantford on Tuesday and awarded the tender for carpenter and brickwork of the new addition to the Peel-Halton House of Refuge to Messrs. McCullough and Hill of Brantford. The price was \$9,750 and the building is to be completed by Dec. 1st or a penalty of \$25 per day must be paid by the contractors after that date until completed.

Chas. Ramsaw of Amnrior, was in town for a few hours on Monday, visiting at his home.

G. E. Bowes of New York spent a few days last week at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. S. Bowes.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Winn got home last week in their auto from Campbellton where they had been visiting friends.

Dr. Walter M. Johnson and Mrs. Johnson and Mrs. Jas. Thompson of Erie, Pa., called on friends in town last week. The party were travelling by automobile, and after dinner at Hotel McGibbon left for Oakville and Toronto.

Rev. Mr. Martin of Manswood, got home yesterday evening after a visit to his old congregation near Pittsburg, Pa.

The finding of the body of Colin Gordon in a box car in the Union Stockyards, Toronto yesterday evening, was reported. Mr. Gordon had not been well for some time and it is thought that he went into the car to lie down and died there. Some years ago he was the agent for the C.P.R. here.

Among the prizes won by Haltonians at Toronto's big fair were the following: Shire stallion, 2 yrs., 2nd Porter Bros. Pair horses, general purpose, in harness, 1st W. N. Scott, 2nd C. H. Cairns. Also in roadsters J. D. McGibbon took three prizes. Messrs. Scott and Cairns sold their teams and got good prices. In general purpose classes George Bell and W. L. Elliott also won. In Berkshire hogs W. A. Shields won about \$75 with five yearlings and W. Brownridge got a good share of the money too. Fred Wales, Jas. Morice, E. F. Earl, J. W. Blain and E. Syer got a large number of prizes for poultry. Frank Homstreet's yearling pony won first prize.

Halton newspapers were represented at the press luncheon given by the directors at the Canadian National Exhibition last Friday.

Mrs. S. Leo, Strachey's "Masque of the Empire" is admirably conceived for the opening of the eyes of inular Britons and home-keeping colonists to a realization of the great Empire to which they belong. If her admirable little work is widely presented in the hearty manner it was in Toronto, it will prove an Empire's awakening.

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