



Jim's

JOTTINGS

BY JIM DILLS

• **AFTER A WEEK** under canvas, mostly in provincial parks, I can appreciate the enthusiasm of a growing number of campers who choose this form of holidaying or travelling. Probably no one approached modern-day camping with greater hesitancy or less enthusiasm than I did, either.

• **PREVIOUS CAMPING** experiences, admittedly some years ago, had been as a Boy Scout, where equipment was packed on a back, wall tents or pup tents leaked generously, sleeping bags were scarce and blanket beds pinned together never did confine feet that numerically attracted the cold. Tents didn't have floors, camp cots were unheard of, latrines and grease pits were among the first facilities dug and food cooked amateurishly over a fire usually had a burned or raw taste.

• **AS A BOY SCOUT**, most of these things were acceptable because they were expected and some of the experiences are among my best memories of that particular phase of growing up.

Times have changed, though, and I didn't relish similar experiences with a wife and three boys.

• **HAPPILY, I FOUND** camping just isn't what it used to be and more and more families are finding it a healthy, exhilarating and enlightening experience. Besides that, the economics of it makes a travelling holiday possible for many of us who find nightly motel fees for five or six prohibitive.

• **PROVINCIAL PARKS**, in our experience, have excellent camp sites, swimming areas and washroom facilities. For all this, the fee to camp overnight on a site is \$1. In a week of travelling, I never spotted any campers abusing the facilities, probably because they all seem to appreciate what has been provided.

• **CAMPING CREATES** many memorable experiences for a family if you're fortunate enough to have good weather. In this, we were particularly lucky for our initiation.

• **THERE'S NOTHING** quite like hearing the roll of thunder in the distance and making a quick check of the tent and gathering the last left-outs in the darkness; the atmosphere around a chill-cutting campfire; the fresh smell of the morning; the somewhat dampish clothes of the morning; a moonlight swim in the warm waters of the Rideau River; the limited courses of a meal produced with skill on a two-burner Coleman stove; the friendliness of four men surrounding four electrical outlets as electric shavers hummed; the constant inventorying for another move and the choosing of another site.

• **AS ONE WHO** approached the camping experience with skepticism, I can assure you it provided for our family an interesting holiday that took us to the House of Commons, Senate, Mint and other highlights of Ottawa, as well as the stimulating and historically authentic Upper Canada Village, and other interesting spots in a leisurely travelling holiday in Ontario.

Sugar and Spice ...

BY BILL SMILEY

As a teacher of English and a former weekly editor, I note with despondency that standards in the weeklies are sagging rather sorrowfully since the days when the weeklies found their finest flowering — the days of Smiley, that is.

Cannibalizing my favorite weekly today — that's what you do, you don't read it, you cannibalize it — I bit into an item that was soft, squashy, pulpy, tasteless and meaningless.

Both as an editor and an English teacher, I must protest it. Pretty soon, there'll be nothing to cling to in this country but stumpy maple leaves and soggy two-line fillers.

The "filler", as all newspaper people know, is an item, anything from one line to a

paragraph, that fills out the page. The whole page is made up, and there's a hole left, a blank space. You stick a filler in it.

The filler is a vital component of the newspaper, and the main source of liberal education of some readers. It says, "The natives of Baffin Land are immune to lung cancer because they smoke only potato peelings dried in cow manure." Or something of the sort.

Another one might inform you, more briefly, that "Two hundred and twenty-four unwed fathers are born every third Wednesday." Or something of the sort.

My quarrel today is with the tampering that has taken place with what I consider the greatest filler ever written. It has



opened a few years ago. We were ready to go to press.

We had already used up all the supplied fillers about Baffin Land and unwed fathers. We had thrown in about eight red-hot one-liners like, "Support your Red Cross" and "A stitch in time saves 9" (no room to spell out the nine).

But still this gaping little slit eyed us. Like a cobra. Then it came. Genius. I wish I could claim it for my own, but one of the boys in the back shop had the flash of inspiration.

It read, "Harold Jones has the gout." Five words. One line. Perfect.

The statement was true. Mr. Jones, a respected local citizen, did have the gout. No room for a libel suit. But what suggestions and implications and allusions and suspense were in those five words! What a turmoil of speculation and comment!

From those who did not know him — "Who is Harold Jones?" From those who had never heard the word — "What in the world is the gout?" From those who had heard it — "I'm not surprised." From those who didn't know what it was, but wouldn't admit it — "I wonder if he's taking anything for it."

This was all very well. I considered it my high point as a weekly editor. It was a short story that Hemingway would have applauded. The English was impeccable, stripped to the bone, true alive.

And what do I read in the same weekly five years later? This mushy, slushy, phony, wordy, sentimental filler, "Mr. Harold 'Skinny' Jones is suffering from the gout again."

Isn't that disgusting? He is now "Mr. Jones." He is now addressed in the false intimacy of a nickname. He no longer "has" the gout, he "suffers" from it, a hideously hackneyed phrase. And the word "again" has about as much impact as the statement that Canada "again" spent more on liquor than missions.

I think it's time I took another whirl at weekly editing, if only to prevent such desecration of genuine works of art.

Downs in this Corner

MILTON COUNCIL has a peculiar problem these days. There is an air conditioner in the council chamber, but they can't use it during a meeting.

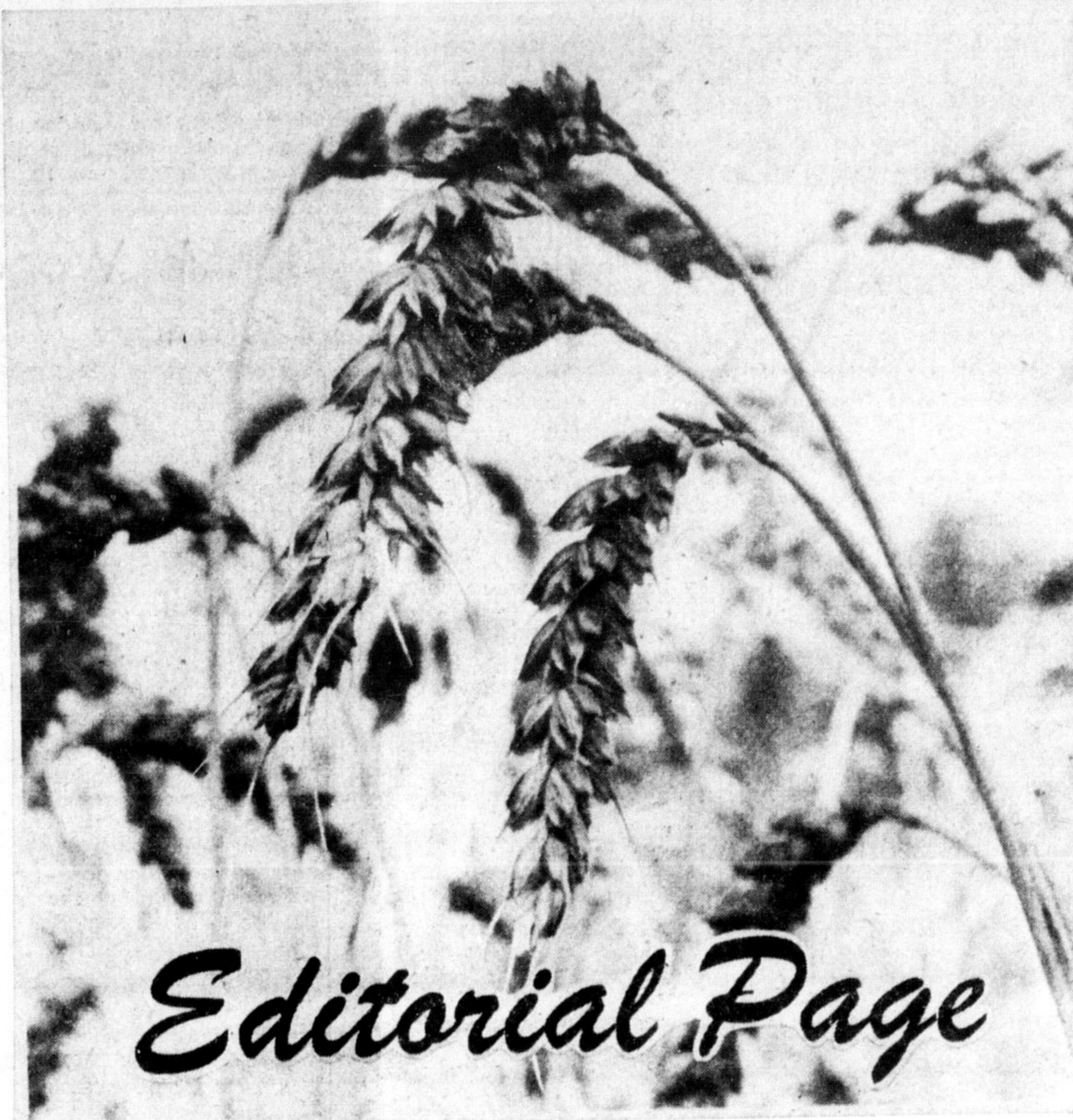
Ridiculous? Maybe, but the darn machine makes so much noise when it's running, you can't hear from one end of the table to the other.

Councillor Gerry Addison summed it up perfectly at last week's regular council get-together. "That's a great air conditioner," he began, "it works fine all day, but as soon as we come in, we shut it off."

The air conditioner had been running full blast prior to the meeting, but in order to hear the proceedings, council had

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Fields of Gold



Editorial Page

—Photo by W. Merle Gunby

FIELDS OF GOLD are common in the district these days, as wheat ripens on the stalks.

Now One Thin Dime ...

The price of your paper this week is equivalent to the price of a cup of coffee — 10 cents.

Since 1955 you've been asked to pay only seven cents for the news of town and district but increasing costs, as many publishers have found, makes the slight increase necessary.

Throughout the current history of the paper it has been necessary to make many changes to keep abreast of the times and the town. It is our firm intention to continue this policy and we feel the vast majority of our readers would not want to have it any other way.

There is no big secret about the economics of newspaper publishing. It is generally

known that the price paid for single copies of the newspapers meets only a fraction of the costs incurred in its production. Without advertising a newspaper could not long exist. It seems, however, only fair that readers should pay a reasonable price for the local newspaper. We feel the price of a cup of coffee is not exorbitant when one makes a comparison of the labour involved.

In this age of dealing so extensively in pennies since the introduction of the provincial sales tax many will undoubtedly find it a convenience not to go penny hunting when they pick up their paper.

We trust you'll continue to enjoy the local news in your local weekly.

Unexploited Attractions ...

One of the greatest unexploited tourist attractions this town has, located centrally in the town, is the ever-flowing municipal fountain by the town hall and the adjacent municipal rest rooms.

After travelling many miles along highway 401 we can assure you the resultant thirst which develops cannot be quenched by soft drinks or the water carried from the last camping place. The very limited number of service centres on this great ribbon of concrete across the province makes it essential to leave it for a refreshment break.

If the town could become known for the quality of its water, which is excellent, and the cleanliness of its rest rooms, which is of a high calibre, we feel sure tourists would be attracted and pleasantly pleased with what they would find.

Travelling in the province one finds a great variety in the quality of drinking water that is available. You can come across water loaded with sulphur one place and at your next stop the water carries a definite taste of iron.

To anyone who travels with children the advantages of the free municipal rest rooms need no elaboration. The cleanliness of

those here would be bound to impress visitors.

A sign on the water fountain would seem desirable, pointing out the refreshing water originates near the great Niagara Escarpment and flows to the town through five miles of pipe without the addition of chlorine thus maintaining its mountain-spring freshness.

Still on the subject of attracting tourists, which we feel can provide a healthy financial boost for the retail section of any town, we wonder if an excellent camping area couldn't be developed on the former Clarke farm just south of highway 401 off highway 25.

In this suggestion we would probably be in conflict with plans to locate industry along 401 but then we're often too much of a visionary in promoting open areas and parks in preference to loading all the desirable spots with industry no matter how attractive or revenue producing they may be.

We do feel, however, with the growing number of facilities in this area the influx of tourists will be greater and some thinking should be directed to accommodating it and not repelling it.

Doesn't Pay Way ...

Advocates of state-run lotteries who see such schemes as the end-all to financing hospitals and education might read with profit a statement made the other day by the governor of the State of New Hampshire. A year or so ago, members of the legislature of this New England state approved a bill making state-operated lotteries legal. The money derived was to be used to pay state education costs. The total population of New Hampshire is substantially smaller than that of Ontario. Therefore there

would be fewer children and correspondingly lower school costs. The governor revealed, however, that the state-operated 'sweep' would only yield \$15 per pupil after expenses had been deducted. Enrolment in Ontario secondary and elementary schools now approximates 1.6 million. On the basis of the New Hampshire experience, our boys and girls would not have much in the way of educational facilities if they were dependant upon sweepstakes earnings.

—Midland Free Press Herald

THE GOOD OLD DAYS

GLANCING BACK TO 10 YEARS AGO

Taken from the files of the **Canadian Champion**, July 29, 1954.

After studying the several letters on the matter Reeve Martin reported to the regular council meeting on Monday the estimated cost to the town for installation of a warning signal on Martin St. C.N.R. crossing would be \$1,550 with an annual maintenance charge of \$300. The balance of the amount, just over 5,000 would be paid by the Department of Highways, the C.N.R. and the Railway Crossing Fund.

In considering the estimated costs it was pointed out that the accounts for maintenance on the C.P.R. crossing on the same street totalled approximately \$60 annually while in this instance it was estimated at \$600. The council agreed to contact the Board of Commissioners. The difference in cost of maintenance of the C.P.R. crossing was also to be emphasized. Clearer vision of the C.P.R. crossing was also sought by the council to reduce the danger.

GLANCING BACK TO 20 YEARS AGO

Taken from the files of the **Canadian Champion**, July 27, 1944.

Comb honey in the standard wooden sections, four and a quarter by four and a quarter inches, or four inches by five inches, has been removed from the ration list by a recent order of the Prices Board. No change has been made in regulations affecting cut comb honey and extracted honey, which remain

on the ration list on the basis of 2 pounds per preserves coupon.

The Board of Trade expressed their great appreciation to the children living on Queen and Sarah Streets, who on June 29th presented an amateur garden party on the lawn of Dr. and Mrs. C. K. Stevenson, the proceeds from which were donated for the supervised play ground.

GLANCING BACK TO 50 YEARS AGO

Taken from the files of the **Canadian Champion**, July 30, 1914.

Ivanhoe will be shown at the Princess Theatre on Friday and Saturday, July 31st and August 1st. Produced under the direction of Herbert Brenon with King Baggott and Leal Baird in four reels. Admissions 5 and 10 cents.

During the last session of the Legislature, an amendment was made to section 72 of the Public Schools Act Making it obligatory on all rural School Boards to ascertain and report to the Minister of Education at least once

a year the names and ages of ill children of school age who are blind or deaf and dumb, and who would otherwise be required to attend school under their charge. All such children must be educated, the blind sent to the School for the Blind, Brantford and the deaf and deaf and dumb to the Ontario School for the deaf, Belleville. Members of children of school age who are to co-operate with the parents, school trustees and truant officers in ensuring the education of afflicted children.

THIS SUNDAY'S Church Calendar



KNOX PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Minister: Rev. J. K. L. McGown, B.A. Organist and Choir Master Mrs. R. Wright, A.T.C.M. "O come, let us worship and bow down; let us kneel before the Lord our Maker."

During August, services will be held jointly with St. Paul's United Church in St. Paul's, Rev. J. Lorne Graham conducting. "O worship the Lord ..."

MILTON GOSPEL HALL 306 Ontario St. N., TR 8-2022 Christians gathered in the name of the Lord Jesus Christ. (Math. 18: 20)

LORD'S DAY, AUGUST 9th, 1964 10.30 a.m.—Breaking of Bread. 12.15 p.m.—Sunday School. 7.00 p.m.—Gospel Service. Wednesday, 8 p.m.—Prayer and Bible reading. All are heartily welcome to these services.

God's dear Son, in whom we have redemption through His blood, even the forgiveness of sins. Col. 1, 14.

GRACE ANGLICAN CHURCH

Milton, Ontario. Rev. T. M. Duffin, B.A., B.D., D.D. Associate: Rev. Canon F. H. Mason, M.A., B.D.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 9th, 1964 Trinity XI 8.00 a.m.—Holy Communion 10.00 a.m.—Mattins and Sermon. Thursday, August 13 — 10 a.m. Holy Communion.

CHURCH OF CHRIST, OMAGH

No. 5 Sideroad and 4th Line Trafalgar. **SUNDAY, AUGUST 9th, 1964** 10.15 a.m.—Bible School. Classes for all ages. 11.00 a.m.—Morning Worship. 8.00 p.m.—Preaching of the Gospel.

Thursday, 8 p.m.—Bible Study. William H. Bunting, Evangelist 878-6362. A Warm Welcome Awaits You at Every Service.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH

of THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

Formed by the union of the Presbyterian, Methodist and Congregational Churches in Canada. **SUNDAY, AUGUST 9th, 1964** 11.00 a.m.—Morning Worship. Sermon subject, "The Church is People, not an Institution."

The Nursery will be open during the month of August and the Kindergarten and Primary Depts. of the Church School will meet in open assembly.

The congregation of Knox Presbyterian Church joins the people of St. Paul's for worship throughout the month of August. St. Paul's Church extends to you the hospitality of its worship and fellowship.

PARISH OF St. George's Church, Lowville

St. John's Church, Nassagaweya (The Anglican Church of Canada) Rector: Rev. P. E. Jeffares Campbellville, Ontario Telephone No. ULster 4-2577

SUNDAY, AUGUST 9th, 1964 Trinity XI

In St. John's Church, Nassagaweya 9.45 a.m.—Morning Prayer and Sermon, Sunday School. **In St. George's Church, Lowville** 11.15 a.m.—Morning Prayer and Sermon, Sunday School. Officiating Layreaders: Mr. John T. Armstrong, CLU, LR. Mr. W. Ed. Wilson, LR. Both of St. George's Church, Georgetown, Ontario.

BOSTON AND OMAGH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCHES

Interim Moderator: Rev. J. K. L. McGown, Milton. TR 8-606 TR 8-2652

SUNDAY, AUGUST 9th, 1964 10.00 a.m.—Boston. 11.30 a.m.—Omagh.

Guest preacher at both services: Rev. W. H. McIlveen, B.A., B.D., Director, Evangel Hall, Toronto.

EMMANUEL BAPTIST CHURCH

Commercial Street, Milton. Minister: Pastor Clayton Coles Telephone No. TRIangle 8-4473

SUNDAY, AUGUST 9th, 1964 9.45 a.m.—Sunday School for all ages. 11.00 a.m.—Morning Worship 7.00 p.m.—Gospel Service. Wednesday, 8 p.m.—Bible Study and Prayer Meeting.

THE UNITED CHURCH OF CANADA

Minister, Rev. A. K. Griffiths, R. R. 2, Milton. **Zimmerman United Church** Appleby Line

Organist, Mrs. J. G. Corneli. Divine Worship — 10 a.m. Sunday School — 11 a.m.

Lowville United Church

Guelph Line. Organist, Mrs. J. R. Davey. Sunday School — 10 a.m. Divine Worship — 11.30 a.m. A Warm Welcome to Everyone

HIGHWAY GOSPEL CHURCH

A local assembly of THE PENTECOSTAL ASSEMBLIES OF CANADA. Pastor: Rev. M. Christensen

SUNDAY, AUGUST 9th, 1964 9.45 a.m.—Sunday School. Classes for all.

11.00 a.m.—Morning Worship. 7.00 p.m.—Evangelistic Service. Tuesday, 8 p.m.—Bible Study and Prayer Meeting. Friday, 8 p.m.—Young People's service. A Church You Can Make Your Home

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