

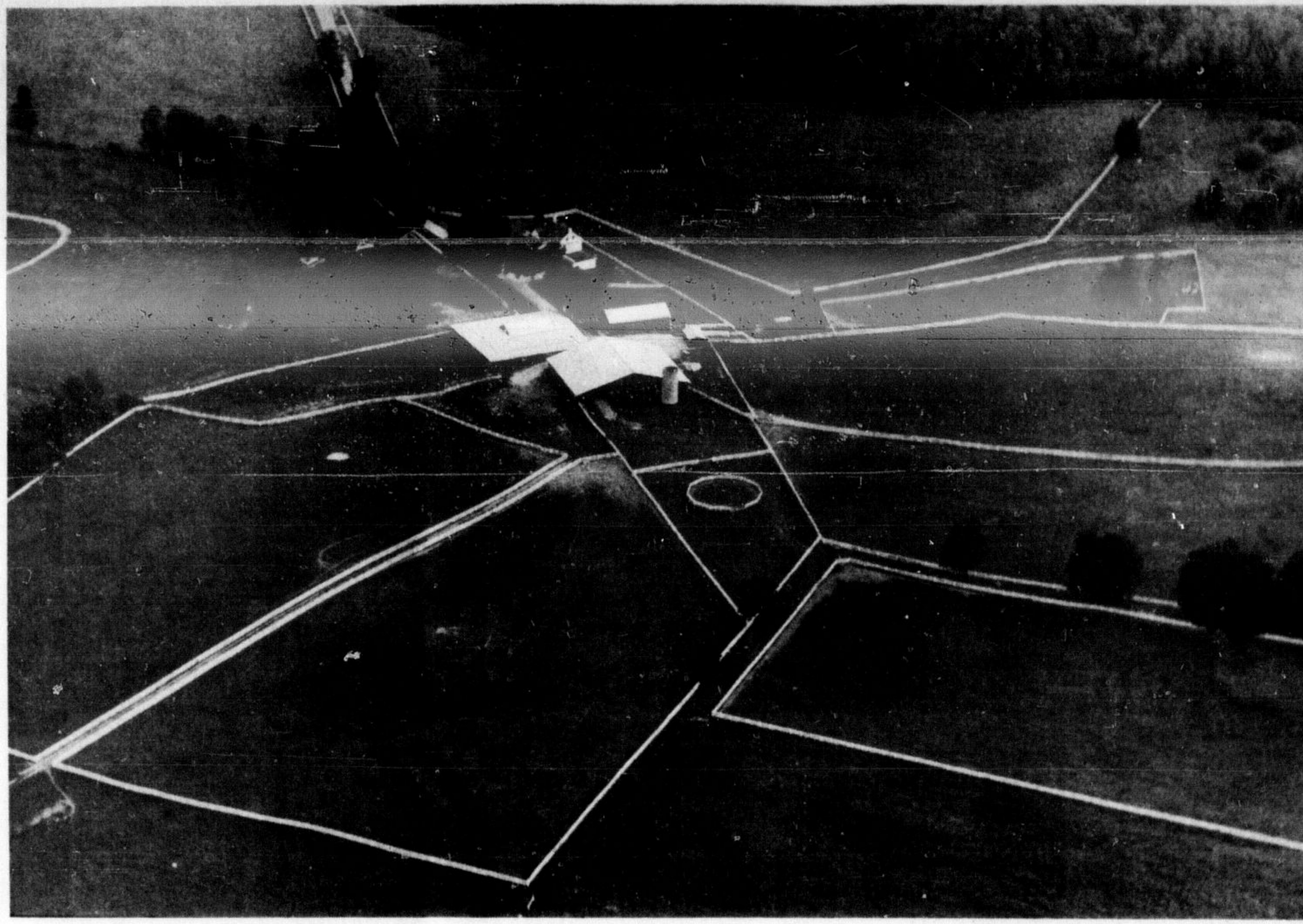
Sometimes adults know

Among the many noise contributors to our noise pollution must surely be included rock music which some parents think they have to endure in order to be "with it". But dear parents, you need no longer pathetically put up with that loud sound from your children's radio, stereo, or rock group. If you've felt an inward revulsion to it, your sensitivity has now been scientifically proven sound.

A series of experiments carried out over the past two years by Temple Bell College, Denver, has revealed that three hours of rock music a day "shrivelled young squash plants, flattened philodendron and crumpled corn", all in less than a month. Experiments with hundreds of plants from geraniums to beans showed the plants tried to escape the inharmonious sound by leaning away from it. Petunias and zinnias refused to bloom, leaned away from the radio blaring rock music, and finally died. Other petunias "listening" to semi-classical or church music blossomed and zinnias taking part in the experiment grew

straight and tall. In every case rock music proved harmful.

Some time ago a study undertaken by the Goodyear Tire and Rubber Company showed that at 90 decibels of noise, the human blood circulation decreases, the flow of saliva and gastric juices is reduced, and the adrenalin flow increases, preparing the body for "emergency." 90 decibels is the level of kitchen noise at its peak which is presumably somewhat lower than the vibrational impact of rock music. Needless to say this level of noise is destructive to the human body and subjection to this kind of sound is bound to contribute to unrest, turmoil and violence that breaks out periodically in society. Parents would be doing their children, themselves, and the world a good turn by "turning off" rock music. This is one instance where parents should forget about being "with it" and take the lead in protecting children who haven't the sense to protect themselves from destructive influences in the "now" scene.



CLINGING TO THE EDGE of the escarpment like a spider's web clings to a wall, Green Hills Farm, home of this year's Queen's plate winner Victoria Song, is impressive and easily noticed from the air. It is located at the base of the escarpment just west of Highway 25, north of Milton. (Photo by J. Jennings)



Sugar and Spice

by bill smiley

I've suddenly discovered that my wife isn't such a lazy bum after all, and that most women aren't appreciated by their husbands.

Last week I wrote an idyllic column about how peaceful and beautiful it was at Granddad's, out in the country, overlooking the bay, quiet, restful and all that guff.

It wasn't guff at the time, but it is now. It's neither peaceful or quiet around here, though it's still beautiful.

Yes, we're still here. On the eve of our departure, my silly old woman stepped out of the car, twisted her silly old ankle and broke the silly old thing.

We didn't know it until next day. I thought it was probably a bad sprain. But on the morrow it was the shape and colour of a fully matured beet, so off to the hospital for X-rays.

That was quite an experience. It was one of those dripping hot days, and also a Saturday. Normally, a small-town hospital is a pretty quiet place. But on a Saturday afternoon in mid-summer, in tourist country, the emergency ward is a bit of a mad-house.

We were lucky. The girl at the desk had gone to school with my wife and had our names written down before I could open my mouth. Another school friend is a nurse, and though off duty, came in and helped in many ways.

There was one doctor and one medical student on the job. In poured the patients, and I couldn't help admiring the way the staff coped, in the appalling heat.

Commenting briefly

There's a move afoot in Burlington to get some signs erected on the Queen Elizabeth Highway and Highway 401 to show the borders of the town of Burlington and promote the town's coming centennial program. We can see the value of letting QEW motorists know when they're entering and leaving Burlington, but why Highway 401? It doesn't pass through Burlington, matter of fact it's not any closer than about two miles from the town's northern tip. We feel there are enough signs on the 401 distressway now, without adding more to point the way to towns wishing to capitalize on their nearness to the road.

Number one summertime topic in Milton this year, the Main St. reconstruction program, is fast losing ground to a new topic. It's called Holiday One-Upmanship. Everyone we've talked to has been boasting about their trip, their mileage, their tans or their holiday troubles. Had yours yet?

Then he sadly concluded by stating: "But in the world of the future the same may not be true, Teachers, doctors, lawyers, legislators — products of the new drug-oriented generation — may well be high as kites. You won't know whom to send your child to or whom to trust your life to."

Just as Judge Sepe closed the book on the case he told the boy before him, "let's see what world you leave to your children before you talk about the world that we left to ours." (From Gene Telpner's Col. - The Winnipeg Tribune).

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What a difference from the impersonality, and even inefficiency so often found in a big city hospital. There too, there are dedicated people doing their best, but there's a mass of paperwork, a coldness, a lack of intimacy that is rather off-putting.

Well, I've digressed, but the hospital scene impressed me deeply. It's the way a hospital should be: friendly, concerned, and with a minimum of red tape.

Anyway, the old girl is lying on the chesterfield with her leg propped up and feeling furious and frustrated. She's the type who does everything in the house at about 80 miles an hour, and the speed at which I do them, about one-tenth of that, is driving her insane.

Every time she remembers that she's going to be hobbling for six weeks, can't go swimming or play golf, can't get at her washing, she gets angrier. I try to cheer her up by saying she's lucky she isn't in a full leg cast, in traction for six months. It doesn't seem to help. To her, immobility is anathema.

Meantime, I'm re-learning a lot of the things I used to do when the kids were little, but have sloughed off, ever so casually, over the years.

Cooking. Last night for dinner, small new potatoes, boiled in their skins, buttered young carrots and beans, sirloin steak and salad. Tonight, sausage, broccoli spears and whatever else turns up.

Housework. I've made my bed, after only three days, vacuumed the rug and done about 8000 dishes. Just finished washing out a brassiere and some socks.

I'll cope.

However, it will be a joyful day when the lady of the house can get off her backside and get back to doing all those things that take her so short, and me so long. Housewives of the world, I salute you. I'll never again ask, "What in the world do you do all day, when I'm at work?" Never. Now I know.

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Visitors and potential purchasers at Wimpsey's Dorset Park Subdivision in Milton should take care to prevent young children from being burned by light bulbs plugged into electrical sockets just above floor level. In various colourful shades, the bulbs provide a natural attraction to youngsters and offer quite a burn if touched.

Pages of the Past

From Champion Files

20 years ago

Taken from the issue of The Canadian Champion, Thursday, August 7, 1952.

A quivering bridge was the first warning W. A. McDonald, driver for Low Transport of Woodstock that he and the 15-ton tractor trailer and load of lime he was hauling were in danger of plunging 15 feet to the creek bed of the Sixteen Mile Creek in Peru a few miles north of Milton. McDonald said he "gave 'er the gun" just in time to reach safety before the 30-foot steel frame bridge buckled and toppled to one side. Police said if he had not accelerated when he felt the bridge break beneath his truck the vehicle would have crashed, burying him beneath rubble.

Third reading to a by-law granting Ford Co. of Canada permission to instal a water-main and storm sewer from its property down the Ninth Line to Lake Ontario was given by Trafalgar Township council Tuesday.

Oakville took the Halton Cup as they defeated Campbellville 4-3 in a thrill packed game at Campbellville on Wednesday, July 30. Campbellville who were losing 4-1 at one time had the tieing run on second with only one out in the last of the ninth but failed to score the clinching run.

Milton Council approved plans for rest rooms provided for in a bequest from the P. L. Robertson estate. The necessary steps were authorized to procure the site on the approval of the executors of the estate.

M. A. Campbell, A. Zimmerman and Miss Ellen Chapman, Ormagn, and Mr. and Mrs. Roy Coulter attended the memorial service for John A. Madsen, pioneer in the folk school movement in Canada at Unionville.

50 years ago

Taken from the issue of The Canadian Champion, Thursday, August 10, 1922.

Acton's rate for 1922 is 47 mills. Bronte's new athletic park is just east of the village, on the north side of the Toronto-Hamilton Highway. There are seven acres of absolutely level land, with a "skinned" diamond. There is a clubhouse, with a refreshment counter and there are plenty of seats.

The Mail and Empire has issued a splendid half century number, giving particulars of social, industrial, education, agricultural and commercial development from 1872 to 1922.

Last Sunday Chief Constable Cooney of Acton, brought C. H. Perry of Erie, Pennsylvania to jail. Perry is wanted at Erie for non-support of his wife and an escort will come for him. The chief did some clever work in getting the man.

At the Junior Farmers' garden party at the fair grounds on Saturday evening the Milton soccer team beat Credit Vale 2 to 0.

John Hall, of El Paso Texas, is visiting old friends at Hornby and Milton. Mr. and Mrs. Adam Chisholm, of Lockport, New York, with their children, are visiting relatives in the neighborhood.

100 years ago

Taken from the issue of The Canadian Champion, Thursday, August 8, 1872.

A St. John New Brunswick paper states that there were no less than 900 applications from Ontario alone for the 100 girls brought out by Miss Rye. The steamer "Peruvian" brings out on her present trip 100 or more and Miss Rye will meet them on their arrival.

We have heard a rumor, which we give for what it is worth, that Sheriff McKindsey, feeling rather insecure in his candidature has resolved to retain his office, and allow the Hon. J. H. Cameron whose defeat in Peel on Tuesday next is considered almost certain, to run in this county. The fact of Mr. Cameron holding a meeting in Oakville this evening, apparently to pave his way, really gives some coloring of truth to the rumor. Time will tell.

The Ministerialists are making great efforts to defeat Mr. White and are bragging of their strength, but we see no reason to doubt Mr. White's return by his old majority. That he will continue to be faithful to his Reform principles no one doubts, and we cannot conceive of any friend of good government at this moment voting for such a man as Sheriff McKindsey, who is a dyed-in-the-wool Tory, and will never have a thought independent of Sir John A. Macdonald.

A meeting of the Milton Total Abstinence Society will be held in the Temperance Hall on Wednesday, Aug. 14.

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