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Good Old Summertime

For generations the song, "In The Good Old Summertime," has been popular, not so much because it is a catchy piece of music but because it extolls what is for most people the favorite time of the year.

Inhabitants of northern countries such as ours appreciate the summertime all the more because it is relatively short. In more favored climates, California for instance, where according to the natives summer is an all-year-round season, the summer months cannot mean so much.

For most of us Canadians summer is a real holiday even though we may be unable to get away from our regular work. For a couple of months anyway we are divorced from the onerous chore of shovelling coal and emptying ashes. Little jobs like mowing the lawn or weeding the garden seem pleasant in comparison.

Canadian summer is out-of-doors time. Picnics, sports days, week-ends at the lake and homes open wide to the elements are among the features of the season. We have wondered sometimes why any indoor gatherings at all should be held during our short period of fine weather. Why not church, for example, in the open air? We have so little warm weather in this country that it seems a pity to miss any of it by being cooped up inside four walls.

Summer is holiday time for many and no doubt this is the best season to get away from it all. More and more business places in this country are closing up completely for a week to give employees a holiday. Even retail stores are beginning to follow this practice which is becoming common in the case of factories, warehouses and offices. Being closed for a week in summer, oddly enough, does not seem to cut down on the volume of busi-

ness handled. Rather by giving management and employees a rest more is accomplished and more efficiently than under the old staggered holiday system.

For each individual summer holidays should mean a complete change. It is a good thing to get away from one's customary haunts, see something of the rest of this great country of ours, meet new people, do new things. Surprising how new contacts and new scenes give a person new ideas and something new to think about and talk about.

If one must have a stay-at-home holiday, the thing to do is change one's whole routine. A pleasant holiday can be spent right here in our home town but only if the holidayer gets away from doing the things he ordinarily would do during his usual work week. A schedule for holidays should include sleeping in each morning, staying up past bedtime each night, eating when one feels like it, doing some of the things one hasn't had time for because of the demands of work. Following a changed routine will be a rest.

For school youngsters summertime is synonymous with freedom. Perhaps unfortunately efforts are continually being made to organize through camps and vacation schools the free time of youngsters during the summer vacation. We think that this can be carried too far. Children need a change, just as adults do. The best part of the long summer holidays, if you remember your own childhood, was the freedom from having to do anything in particular. Perhaps that's just bad child psychology, but for the kids it can be fun.

Summertime in Canada is a wonderful season and we are fortunate in having only a short one. We never lose the zest for summer living because we never have too much of it.

Expensive Red Tape

The Ontario Municipal Board is a body with wide powers of supervision over municipal affairs in this province. It has functioned for many years under administrations of different political parties and no doubt has served a useful purpose in the municipal life of Ontario. Doubtless in the majority of cases its supervision and counsel have been valuable to municipalities.

In the case of Richmond Hill's plans for the construction of a system of sanitary sewers the many delays caused by the supervising hand of the Ontario Municipal Board have proven very costly to the taxpayers of Richmond Hill.

Sewers have been the subject of consideration in municipal circles here for a long time. This was an improvement which municipal councils in recent years have recognized as one which must come sometime to meet the needs of this fast-growing community.

The project was first submitted to the people in a vote back in December, 1949, and the verdict was in favor of going ahead with the project. After some months delay the Ontario Municipal Board directed another vote must be taken, with the question worded just somewhat differently to the former vote. Again the verdict was in favor of sewers. Tenders were called for, but by this time increased prices brought the lowest tender above the amount formerly submitted to the Board as an estimate. Another delay of some months followed to secure permission of the Ontario Municipal Board.

Final approval for Richmond Hill's sewer construction project at a cost of

some \$350,000 came a couple of weeks ago, and the final result is that due to the long delay occasioned by the requirements of the Ontario Municipal Board the taxpayers of Richmond Hill will pay during the next twenty years many thousands of extra dollars.

Not only have the tenders of contractors increased by many thousands of dollars since first called for by the village council, but now the council finds it must sell its debentures on a money market much less favorable than that which obtained a year or even a few months ago. Debentures which could have been sold readily a year ago bearing 3 per cent interest must now bear a much higher rate of interest.

The Ontario Municipal Board no doubt is necessary in the general set-up of our municipal administration in Ontario, but surely there should be some stream-lining of its operations to deal more expeditiously with the affairs of local municipalities.

There never was any real doubt as to the need of a sewer system in Richmond Hill, no doubt as to the financial ability of the municipality to finance the undertaking and no doubt as to the wishes of the people on the matter.

It seems too bad therefore that it took long months of negotiations and hearings to clear the way of Ontario Municipal Board red tape. It has been a costly delay for Richmond Hill taxpayers, and as the Ontario Municipal Board was intended to help municipalities, not hinder them, we think the Legislature should take steps to review the functions of the Board and speed-up its operations.

Traffic Toll

Midway through 1951, Ontario faces the ominous prospect that by the end of the year more than 1,000 people may have lost their lives in the year's traffic accidents.

Already, in six months, street and highway accidents in the province have killed at least 382 people, compared with last year's six-month total of 278. Traffic

volume is up again from last year's record high, with increases (for 5 months) of 14 per cent in both number of vehicles and gasoline consumption.

And the worst is yet to come. Safety officials warn that summer holidays and the early fall always have larger accident totals than any other time of year. Already in the first 19 days of July at least 25 more have died.

Bible Society Serves Canada

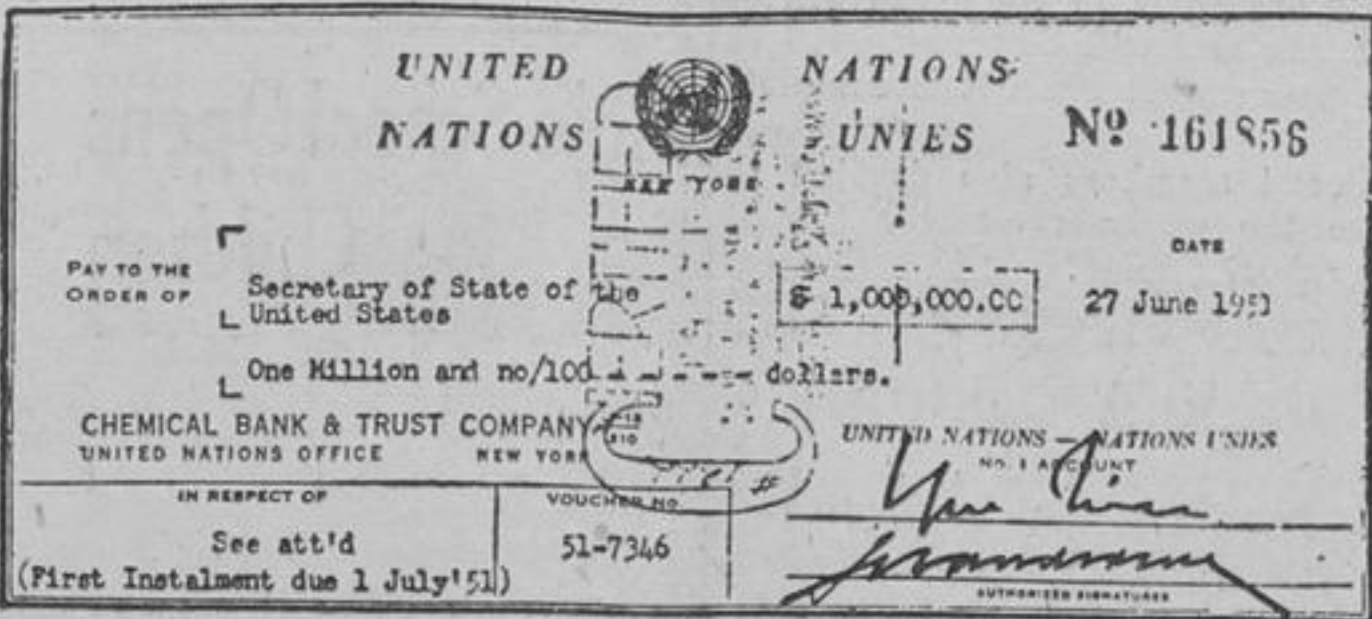
A special edition of the New Testament and Psalms has been prepared for free distribution among Canada's armed forces — according to a statement issued by the British and Foreign Bible Society in Canada.

The books, specially designed and printed, and distinctively bound for the navy, Army and Airforce will be supplied through the Chaplaincy Department, Ottawa. The present edition will number 20,000 copies and the Bible Society has undertaken to provide whatever additional quantities are requested by the Principal Chaplains. The Bible Society has for over a century supplied free copies of Scripture for the Armed Services and for prisoners of war. One of its first undertakings was to distribute on Christmas Eve 1804 (the year of its foundation) copies of Holy

Scripture to French prisoners of war — part of Napoleon's Armies — held in the great prisons at Dartmoor.

The amendments to the Mothers' Allowance Act passed at the last session of the Ontario Legislature are now effective. Providing for mothers with dependent children, by reason of the widowhood or the permanent unemployability of the husband, it has proved one of the most important statutes in the field of social legislation. Expansion of the Act to care for more needy cases has been progressive over the years. One of the major features of the new amendments cover the payment of an allowance to children up to eighteen years of age who continue their education.

First Payment on U.N. Headquarters Loan



With a smile and the words "I have no speech to make but I have a million dollars . . . here it is!" Byron Price, U.N. Assistant Secretary-General (right) hands over to Ambassador Ernest A. Gross of the United States a check covering the first installment in repayment of the \$65,000,000 interest-free loan made by the U.S. Government for the construction of the permanent headquarters of the United Nations in New York City. Below, a photograph of the check.



PASS IT ON
A boy living in the south of England, whose parents had died, was thrown upon his own resources very early in life. He was told that if he could make his way to London he would find employment. So he decided to go by boat, at that time the cheapest way to travel.

A man on board noticed that the lad did not appear at mealtimes. He got into conversation with him, and when he found out that he could not afford meals, he bought them for him. The boy was extremely grateful, and when the time came to part, he asked the man if there was anything he could do to repay him.

"There is one thing you can do," was the reply, "and if you promise to do it, I shall be fully repaid for any little thing I have done for you. This is a difficult world for some people, and many are having a hard time. Will you pass on the kindness I have shown to you to somebody else? That is all I ask."

Many years afterward this boy became influential and was able to help his benefactor's son, who was in great difficulty. It gave him great pleasure to do this, for one of the mottoes of his life had become: "Pass it on."

A wise and good man said: "I see two great heaps in this world — one of human happiness and the other of human misery. If it is possible for me to take the smallest bit from the heap of misery and add it to the other, I shall be happy. If, for instance, I find a child who has lost a cent, and by giving him another I can wipe away his tears, I have done something."

Newspapers recently carried a story of a youth who lived near a dangerous canal and had saved eighteen lives. He was decorated with a medal and given public recognition. He deserved it, for such interest in the welfare of others is wonderful. But the number of people who have such physical strength and opportunities is not large. In the larger sphere of ordinary life hardly a day goes by that does not afford an opportunity of passing on some kindness to another. When the disciples asked Jesus who was the greatest in games.

Our quotation for today is by Thoreau: "You can't kill time without injuring eternity."
LET YOUR HEART DECIDE
If you plan to take up sports that are more strenuous than usual, have your heart examined to make sure that it is in good shape. Your doctor may decide that tennis, swimming or other such exercise would not be advisable for you and you may be wise to choose other less energetic games.

Voices In The Air

If you are in the quiet solitude of the Ontario Wilderness this summer and suddenly hear a loud voice coming at you from out of the sky, don't get panicky and start heading for the nearest psychiatrist to have your head examined.

Instead, sit quietly and listen to what it is saying. The chances are that you will be actually hearing things — and from the sky — but the voice will, in all probability, be emanating from a sleek yellow plane, bearing the insignia of the Ontario Department of Lands and Forests, Air Service Division, on patrol a thousand or more feet in the air and perhaps a couple of miles away.

Plenty of anglers, vacationists, bushworkers and hunters will probably be startled this season when they hear someone loudly addressing them from high overhead, and Department fire control officers say that's just what they want them to be — "startled."

It's all part of the Department's plan, officials explain, of bringing science into play to cut down on the number of forest fires that are caused by careless campfires or those who neglect their campfires or fail to realize that a lighted cigarette butt can destroy thousands of acres of valuable timber and ruin the beauty, the fishing and hunting of an area for years to come.

For some time now the Department has been experimenting with a loud-speaker attachment on some of its aircraft by means of which the pilot can communicate directly with persons on the ground below. Briefly, it consists of a microphone into which the pilot speaks and a loudspeaker fitted into an aperture of the plane normally housing an aerial camera. Backed up by a 100-watt amplifier the pilot can make his voice heard plainly on the ground from an altitude of 1800 feet and over a five-mile radius.

At the present time aircraft in the Kenora, Kapuskasing and Sault Ste. Marie Districts have been equipped with the loud-hailers and a plane at Parry Sound is to be fitted with one shortly. Six additional units are being assembled by Department radio technicians for aircraft in Temiskaming, Sudbury, North Bay, Algonquin, Port Arthur and Geraldton Districts. It is planned to have these in operation in the near future.

The loudspeaker units can be installed or removed within five minutes. Further installations, other than those now underway will depend upon the results obtained and the number of aircraft equipped with camera hatches.

The speakers have already been used on fire prevention work in some areas to caution campers and woods workers — on the spot — to be careful with fires, cigarettes and matches. Officers of the Forest Protection Division say that they also have good fire suppression possibilities in that fire crews who might lack a portable radio can be given oral instructions from an officer in the plane who is able to see the over-all progress of the fire.

In one instance at least, a loud-speaker was used in an emergency to direct men on the ground to carry a badly injured logger to a spot where he could be picked up by the aircraft.

Many times each year Department planes are called in to search for persons lost in the woods. One of the difficulties in locating them has been the fact that those lost usually are stumbling around in dense forest and cannot be seen from the air. Loudspeakers, it is believed, will enable the pilot to make himself heard over a wide area and direct the lost and hidden person to head in a certain direction for a clearing and stay there, make a smudge fire where it won't ignite the forest and so on.

Another difficulty facing Lands and Forests pilots is in distinguishing from the air the searchers from the person being sought. With a loud-hailer the pilot can request anyone on the ground to make a certain signal if they are the one being searched for or request them to move out of the area temporarily, to avoid confusion, until it has been combed or "hailed" from the air.

The Richmond Theatre

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News Cartoon Featurette

Monday & Tuesday — July 23 & 24

FOR SHEER EXCITEMENT...
IT HAS NEVER BEEN EQUALLED... WITH EVERY GASPING THRILL IN COLOR BY TECHNICOLOR
THE WHITE TOWER
Glenn Ford - Valli
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Oscar Homolka
From the Novel by James Ramsey Ullman
with SIR CEDRIC HARDWICKE - LLOYD BRIDGES - JUNE CLAYWORTH - LOTTE STEIN
Produced by Sid Regall - Directed by Ted Tetzlaff - Screenplay by Paul Jarrico

News Cartoon Featurette

MATINEE WEDNESDAY 2 P.M.

Wednesday & Thursday — July 25 & 26

Yes...THERE'S SOMETHING NEW IN THE ENTERTAINMENT SKIES!
BETTY GRABLE
DAN DAILEY
My Blue Heaven
TECHNICOLOR
with DAVID WAYNE
JANE WYATT
MITZI GAYNOR - Directed by HENRY KOSTER - Produced by SOL C. SIEGEL
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