

Sun, Radio, Restaurants Burn Vacher

Lake North, Fla. first come, first served, at \$2.50 each. Some hand-painted small tablecloths were sold at \$1.50 each. I think they were bona-fide, but my ignorance of such things is awful — anything cotton is cheap down here.



Fred J. Vacher

I'm not greedy, but I like a lot. I should like to have first, the wide open spaces of Jacksonville — second, the lovely sands of Daytona — and third, the heat of Palm Beach, all in one.

That's the way of the world. I sometimes think how nice it would be, if when the Lord made the world, He had put wings on the people as well as the birds. Nobody would have had to stay in cold countries all winter then.

There are more ways of putting in the time down around here. A mile or less down the road there are two shows, three auction sales, all going on at once, and ever such a big public pavilion where they play cards indoors and shuffleboard outdoors. I found a checker player last night, just about my own size. He has just returned from a tournament at St. Petersburg. I shan't get much work done now.

It is warm enough for mid-summer here right now. The public beach is crowded because so much of the beach belongs to hotels — or they pretend it does. The biggest difficulty is to find a place to park, and it is two or three miles down there. Every corner has a sort of a mile-post showing the name and (or) number of both streets.

There is a lousy Mexican radio station gabbling away, on the same wave as Orlando where the Canadian news comes from. Those auction sales are funny; they call themselves Art Galleries. The other night they sold a \$4,000 diamond ring for \$1,200. They also sold a lot of women's razors at 75c, blades and all. A young fellow went round telling the old ladies what the razor was for, just as if they didn't know. They sold a silver butter dish for \$3.50, then reduced the price to \$2 and sold their entire stock —

to take the little girl to hospital she got up, knocked the big girl down twice with a blow on the chest — not much harder than enough to knock a quart bottle of milk off the kitchen table.

A bit more wriggling around and Tiny was credited with the first fall. In the second fall, the big girl took charge and after a while she got credited with the second fall. Then there was a lot of shouting. In the third round, the big girl took charge, presently picked up the other like a pig, carried her over to the ropes, tangled her feet in them with her head on the floor and then jumped on her tummy — bringing about the 3rd fall. It is quite a show, a good show. I believe it is all carefully rehearsed beforehand. In the preliminary they had a 220 lb. alleged Englishman, with a 202 lb. American. The big fellow chuckled the other fellow around for about 15 minutes, then the other fellow did ditto for 6 or 7 minutes. One fall to the American — also a good show. I think this also is an arranged show. In my youth I did a bit of wrestling, weight-lifting, etc. In wrestling I always either won or lost within two minutes, and if this was on the up and up, these fellows would do the same. But their job depends on giving a good show, and it is a Good Show.

Tomorrow night we'll tackle the Dog Races. I don't have time for these things at home, nor do I want to — when I am busy. It is simply wonderful how well we sleep down here. We go to bed, and the next thing it is daylight — it is marvellous. I invariably wake up a lot at night at home. I'm glad we took our trip to Europe last winter instead of this year. Zero in Paris — Ugh! Imagine the road between Nice and Cannes blocked with snow!

All kinds of funny things going on here. A Faith Healing Evangelist named Cox, I think, has been prosecuted for practicing medicine without a licence. He got bawled out, but was acquitted, then he chartered a private plane for \$500 for a two-day trip to Nassau in the Bahamas. Evangelism pays better than farming — or building, I guess. I think myself though,

that any man with guts enough to take the Bible seriously and literally even TRY to do Faith Healing, deserves credit whether he succeeds or fails. James' epistle says — "The prayer of faith shall save the sick." What is the use of believing one part of the Bible and not the other?

The Catholic Archbishop of the Diocese of New Orleans is getting himself into hot water. He has had a letter read in all his parishes, declaring that school segregation is morally evil and sinful. Incidentally the Catholic Church is the only one down here which allows a black child to go to Sunday School. Some years ago, a young friend of mine said I was cynical. Well, I'm like Amos — I don't believe nuthin and very little of that. Take the Miami News on the radio — it consists of just three things — 1. Damn the Reds; 2. Will Eisenhower run; 3. The horse races. Well (1) if the Americans were so certain of the superiority of capitalism, they'd leave the Reds alone, once in a while. And (2) if Eisenhower weren't going to run again, his successor would be getting more of the limelight. And (3) they ALWAYS talk about the money bet and won but NEVER mention the rake-off of the Govt. and the Jockey Club.

Day after day after day the radio keeps on talking about America — having the highest standard of living in the world. They need to do so, because nobody would notice it driving around the place. The vast majority of Canadian homes are much superior in construction and upkeep than down here. Besides, in this richest country in the world, every blessed thing is sold on TIME, and the radio goes blab blab about how low the down payment is (often nothing) and how low low low the monthly payments are. Such a story should only be told in India or China. It doesn't make sense in a country where fellows getting \$3 per hour go on strike for 20c more and get it.

We got too ambitious on the beach on Sunday. Marj got burnt a lot and I got it a little. She's having an awful time with ointment and liniment and what all. There's a nasty filthy creature in the sea here called a Man-of-war. It has a big blue bladder-like thing, and a long streamer attached. This streamer gets attached to, and wraps around bathers' bare legs. They tell me it stings worse than bees. It only comes in at certain positions of the tide.

More next week.

Yours truly,
Fred J. Vacher

Victoria Square Man Struck by Taxi

Mrs. W. Sandle

Neighbourhood Notes

A speedy recovery is wished for Allan Nichols who had the misfortune to be struck by a taxi on Tuesday afternoon of last week while going home from school. He was taken to the Newmarket Hospital where he remained overnight for observation. Fortunately there were no bones broken, and he was able to return home on Wednesday morning.

Congratulations are extended to Mr. and Mrs. Arnold Mortson on the birth of a daughter, on Sunday, February 19, at the Newmarket Hospital.

Mr. Neil Donnelly arrived home from Florida on Monday evening, after holidaying for the past ten days down there. Sorry to report that Neil had the misfortune to have his suitcases stolen while enroute home.

Mrs. Blanche Sanderson, Mrs. William Nigh and baby David, Mrs. Glenn Bolender, Mr. and Mrs. Alan Chadwick and Karen spent Thursday of last week with Mr. and Mrs. Frank Tanton and family at Burlington. Mrs. B. Sanderson remained there for a few days.

Sympathy is extended to former residents of our community, Mrs. Harry White and family, in the passing of a loving husband and father, Mr. Harry White, who passed away on Saturday evening in the Toronto General Hospital.

Birthday Greetings to: Sharon Buchanan who will be one year old on March 1; to Teddy Mortson who will be nine years old on March 1; to Jimmy Meakes who will be four years old on March 1; to Harold D. Foster for March 2; to Shirley Nelson who will be four years old on March 6.

Mr. Angus of Buttonville called on Mr. R. E. Sanderson and Miss Mabel Sanderson, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Boynton on Thursday afternoon of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Nichols and family had dinner Saturday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Donald Pickering and family.

Mr. Sharpe of Pine Falls, Manitoba, spent a few days last week with his father-in-law and mother-in-law, Rev. and Mrs. A. Huston and Betty.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Hill and family of Islington spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Hart and family.

Mr. Percy Basinger Jr. of Temperanceville, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Empringham and girls had Sunday evening dinner with Mr. and Mrs. L. Knapp and Irene.

Miss Mabel Sanderson called on Mr. Walter Hunter at Newmarket on Sunday afternoon.

A speedy recovery is wished for the organist of our church, Miss Coral Perkins, who is ill in bed with the flu. A speedy recovery is also wished for all the others in the community who have been hit with the flu and colds.

There were fourteen tables of euchre at the Community Hall on Tuesday evening of last week. Prize winners were: Ladies 1) Miss Olive Glover; (2) Mrs. Frank Brunnwell, Consolation—Mrs. Russell Boyington; Gents (1) Roy Glover; (2) C. Hart; Consolation — Marcus Jarvis, Freeze-out—Bert Nichols and Jim Smith.

There will be another Euchre in the Community Hall on Tuesday evening, March 6, at 8.15. Everyone welcome.

Travelog

There was a large attendance at the Toll Travelog held in the United Church here on Wednesday evening of last week. The pictures were in 3-D. The colouring was magnificent. The W.A. who sponsored this travelogue would like to thank everyone who helped to make it a success, by selling tickets for same, etc.

Sr. Women's Institute

The March meeting of the Sr. Women's Institute will not be held. However, the Sr. Women's Institute has been invited to attend the Sr. Women's Institute meeting at Wexford on Wednesday evening, March 7. A bus will leave the corner here at 7.30 p.m. A hearty invitation is extended to all the ladies of the community to attend whether you are members of the Institute or not.

On Thursday of last week, Mrs. Lorna Clubine entertained a number of her friends to a Pot Luck Luncheon. Those present were: Mrs. Wm. Bell, Mrs. D. Goulding, Mrs. Hudson, Mrs. Ernie Hall, Mrs. H. Reid, Mrs. Ted Gamble and Miss Ella Gamble, all of Elgin Mills, and Mrs. Alfred Hall of Richmond Hill who will soon celebrate her 90th birthday.

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