

**ROADSIDE SPRING**

Water bubbles out the escarpment on Mississauga Rd. south of the Dundas Highway both summer and winter. Although once posted as unsafe, the sign has been removed, and resident and tourist alike help themselves to spring water throughout the year. (Times Photo by Rick Turban)

# Mayan ruins, bullfights, even pyramids fascinate travellers to Mexico

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Mexico rates very high as a place to go for any and all tourists. It's one of those places that has just about everything. Fortunately CP Air and Aeronaes de Mexico bring Mexico within a few hours' reach. In less than five hours travellers can find themselves in Mexico.

Some of the musts of Mexico are Xochimilco, Grasshopper Hill, Chapultepec Castle, the Cathedral in Mexico City, bullfights, Taxco and Lake Patzcuaro. These are but a few.

Some 45 miles outside of Mexico City lie the ruins of an Indian people known as Toltecs. Pyramids, ball court and striking sculptures indicate an amazing knowledge of engineering. The pyramids were built in such a way that the sun's rays would strike a planned point on certain days of the year. This surpasses European sun dials that merely recorded the hours of the day. If you are fortunate enough to be there at fiesta time you will have a little idea of what America was like before the white man came.

**FAMOUS RUINS**

Deep in the jungles of the Yucatan stand the famous ruins of Chichen-Itza. These are the ruins of the famous city that the Mayans and Tol-

tecs abandoned nearly 100 years before the Spaniards came. It is said that when Cortes arrived in Mexico the jungle had crept over the buildings and the Mayan civilization was only a whisper and myth to the Spaniards.

The pyramid once again shows amazing mathematical precision. On all four sides of the pyramid are steep stairways. Each has 91 steps. This makes a total of 364 steps. The landing at the top makes one more and the grand total 365. This was the number of days in the Mayan year. Your pulse will quicken if you will but imagine Mayan priests with brilliant feathered cloaks and jaguar skins leading a procession up the stairways of the pyramid. Their god was cruel and demanded human sacrifice. It is a sight often missed, the pyramid in the Yucatan, by those who hurry through a visit to Mexico.

The most popular sport in Mexico is the Corrida or bullfight. Mexico does not run on time too punctually but the bullfight does, and at exactly 4 o'clock Sunday afternoon, the bullfights begin. It is a spectacle that is brilliant and barbaric. This sport was brought by the Spaniards and had instant appeal. Nearly every town offers a "corrida" on fiesta-day. Mexico City has one of the finest bullfights, the Plaza Mexico, that at-

tracts the best matadors in the world.

The Cathedral of Mexico City stands where was once the Royal Aztec capital. The Spaniards tore down the holiest Aztec temples and built this cathedral. It is the largest to be seen in the Americas. It is here that you can see the past and the present in the midst of the bustle and bustle of present day Mexico City.

**FLOATING GARDENS**

The floating gardens of Xochimilco are a favorite recreation spot just outside Mexico City. These are the famous last remnants of the fabled floating gardens of the Aztec princes. Ancient canals wind their way between little islands that are massed with flowers. The Indians built large rafts that were covered with a thin layer of dirt where they planted flowers and vegetables. Today they are firmly anchored. As you tour in one of the boats that are decked with flowers it is a sight you will never forget. Even the names of the boats are flowery and romantic. The language used by the boatmen is mysterious and old. It is a favorite spot for families to picnic on the water on Sunday afternoon. As can be expected in romantic Mexico many young couples will be found coasting there. This setting is enhanced by some launches where Mexican

musicians play for everyone's pleasure. Xochimilco is always a favorite spot and its color and fragrance linger in your memory if you but take the time to visit this most interesting attraction.

A trip to Mexico and not visiting Acapulco would be a crime. This resort town would have to be considered North America's answer to the Riviera. The Mexican character it once might have had is gone. Its modern airport brings international vacationers to spend some time in over 200 modern hotels and motels. Acapulco is blue skies, golden beaches and beautiful water. The boom since World War Two has made this one of the most favored places for travellers to visit. Even Mexicans from Mexico City come to visit Acapulco.

A short drive from this area takes you to La Quebrada where the copper skinned native boys will pop your heart in your mouth as they perform their stunt diving for coins, in dangerous waters 60 feet below. Everyone has seen this in pictures and movies. Don't pass it off lightly. It is worth taking the time to see.

Acapulco offers all kinds of water sports. Swimming and fishing with plenty of beaches to choose from. It is an excellent place for tourists who visit the wonderful country that lies south of the border as is said in many songs, that are all too familiar to us all. May you enjoy your holiday in Mexico. Whatever you pleasure past or present, old and new, you can bet your last pair of shoes that you will find it in old Mexico.

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## Tender summary opened July 8

MISSISSAUGA — The following is a summary of tenders received by a committee of council of the Town of Mississauga at a public tender opening July 8, for the construction of sanitary sewers in the Parkland Avenue area.

Elmford Construction Company Ltd.	\$66,149.75
Pilen Construction Company Ltd.	\$66,176.60
Mavic Construction Limited	\$71,406.00
Bandiera Limited	\$72,875.70
Pisa Construction Company Ltd.	\$74,017.25
T. & D. Contracting Company Ltd.	\$74,041.71
Winchester Construction Company	\$75,044.87
Dundas Construction Company Ltd.	\$78,958.60
Bitini Construction Company Ltd.	\$86,666.20

## Third school for mentally retarded

MISSISSAUGA — In line with the board of education's policy to eventually build a third school for the mentally retarded in Peel County, four acres of land will be set aside for later construction from property owned by the board just south of Highway 401. The move received capital expenditures and building committee approval last week and will go to the July 28 general board meeting for final approval. The land set aside is part of the 200-acre Britannia Road farm owned by the board and wanted by the town for construction of a 20,000-seat stadium, as part of its bid for the 1973 Canada Summer Games. According to Jack Brown, Superintendent of Business Affairs, the proposed site fronts on the First Line West with a frontage of 400 feet by 450 feet. The site incorporates about one acre of mature bush with the remainder under cultivation by a tenant farmer. Peel County has two schools for the trainable retarded in operation, Red Oaks in Cooksville and Parkholme, north of Brampton. Red Oaks is at its maximum capacity of 100 pupils right now and Parkholme School can only take about 50 children. The committee also passed a recommendation that the architects for the school, Allan, Brown and Sherriff Ltd., be instructed to submit sketch plans and a report on several radical new construction techniques. The committee suggested a geodesic dome or modular pre-fabrication as examples of new construction methods that could be used to build the Britannia School for trainable retarded.



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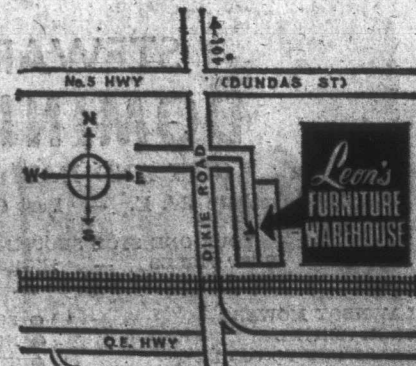


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