

The Park on A Golden Day

To visit the park on a sunny day,
Is to visit the son's of God,
For there are rich and poor and all
On the green and fertile sod.

The children at play make the world seem gay,
The peaceful and plodding old,
The lovers, the mothers, the brazen girls,
And the laughing men and bold.

There you can see life's pageantry
In all its glory and sadness,
The knowing and wise who have tasted its prize,
And those who are learning its gladness.

Life is revived in that Paradise
And age finds love anew,
For there in the beauty of summertime
The tints are a kinder hue.

So go some day when life seems gray
And visit the world and his wife,
Till you find your cares submerged as theirs
In the ecstasy of life.

Moyra Seeger

T-SQUARE

A determined Rugger team turned out in force last Thursday only to find that the game had been postponed due to a wet field. Surely our eyes were mistaken when we observed a King's squad practicing on the same field twenty minutes later.

Plans are well laid for the Boilermaker's Booster which is to be held in the gym, Nov. 17th. We hope that some agreement can be reached with the girls of Sherriff Hall who recently decided to hold a dance on that same date.

Bob Pavia is still looking for debates to represent the shock in the Sodales inter-fac competition.

A library has been set up in the common room consisting of books

of special interest to engineering students. This has been made possible by the kind interest of Prof. Bowes.

Ed. Note: At printing we hear that the dance date problem is settled. The girls have changed to Nov. 7.

A SMILE OR TWO

"If I refuse to be your wife," she whispered dramatically, will you really commit suicide?"

"That," he said grandly, "has been my usual procedure."

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"You're charged with throwing your mother-in-law out of the window. Guilty or not guilty?"

"Guilty, your honor. I did it without thinking."

"That's no excuse. You might have hit somebody on the head."

The Stewiacke Bridge Mysteries

by T. B. Rogers

Angus Henry Taylor has been Chief of Police of the town of Stewiacke, 18 miles south of Truro, for over thirty years. Though the small farm community boasts a population of only 961, Chief Taylor has had his share of mysteries which would baffle the law officers in even the large cities. Three of more recent date still remain unsolved.

Oddly enough the three enigmas revolve around the narrow iron bridge across the Stewiacke River, the northern boundary of the town. This bridge is on the main highway from Truro to Halifax.

There have, of course, been plenty of routine accidents but some have been anything but commonplace. There was the parked car for example, that Bob Walker found unoccupied near the bridge as he was going to work one morning. When the car was still there some hours later Walker called Chief Taylor. A search of the vehicle revealed that it belonged to William Robert Brown, of Glace Bay, N. S. Baggage and clothing in the car convinced Chief Taylor that Brown's wife had been with him. Cigarette butts were found on the floor, two packages on the seat and a purse containing money, a bank book and a receipt showing that Mrs. Brown had just bought a new fur coat.

After several days of fruitless investigation, the baffled chief called in the RCMP. It was discovered that the elderly couple, both in poor health, had started out on a trip to Central Canada. They had stopped at the service station where Walker worked and made inquiries about the river road. The next day the car was found empty.

To this day no trace of the elderly couple—or their bodies—has been discovered.

The mysterious death of Nathan Dorey, a lumberman, whose body was found in the river near the bridge on Sunday, May 23, 1948 still puzzles the chief.

Dorey was reported missing April 15 from a lumbering camp further up the river. He lived by himself in a small hut and was known to carry large sums of money on his person. Fellow workers searched the surrounding woods for days without success and it was not until five weeks later that the body of the missing man was found in the river.

An autopsy showed that Dorey had not drowned and a coroner's jury decided that death was caused

by a heart attack.

Chief Taylor felt that there was a suspicion of foul play, but no conclusive evidence to substantiate his belief was ever uncovered. Investigation revealed that Dorey was suffering from heart trouble, but it was also learned that on the night that he disappeared he had been involved in an argument while drinking at the lumber camp. What puzzled Chief Taylor is how Dorey's body got in the river if he died of a heart attack? Did he accidentally fall in and the shock stop his heart? Or was his body thrown in before or after he died? There were no marks on the body to indicate violence and the victim's purse containing over \$100 in cash was found intact.

The last case is ever more puzzling. On the evening of Sept. 27, 1946, five Halifax men were returning from Truro by car after having attended a baseball game there. Just as they were about to leave the T. A. A. C. Grounds at Truro they picked up two women hitch-hikers. Two of the men and the two women, rode in the front seat, with one of the female passengers sitting in the lap of the man on the right hand side of the car. The three other men were seated in the back.

As the car containing seven people entered Stewiacke bridge it struck the railing of the approach on the left hand side glanced into the panel of the main structure of the bridge on the right hand side, breaking it and pushing it out about three feet. After hitting the left side again the car swung around and came to rest facing the opposite direction. When the stunned occupants came to their senses they discovered that the driver, Frank Myers, 26, was missing. His body was fished out of the river ten days later.

Constable Ecker, RCMP, who examined the vehicle after the accident, testified that the driver's door of the car had been jammed shut, presumably by the accident, and that he had had to exert considerable force in order to open it. Once the door was opened it was impossible to shut it again.

Dr. Ralph Smith, Provincial Provincial Pathologist, in his report on the autopsy performed on Myer's body, stated that he believed the man had died by drowning while in an unconscious state, which added strength to the belief that the victim had stumbled out of the car and toppled from the bridge.

But how did Myers get out of the car, since the left hand door was jammed shut? Chief Taylor figured that it would have been impossible for the man to have been hurled across three others in the front seat and out of the right hand door.

None of the passengers could throw any light on Myer's death; they were all apparently stunned by the impact. One of the women said she regained consciousness to find herself lying on the floor of the bridge while the other woman was still seated in the front seat of the car when she came to. The coroner's jury was completely baffled. They decided that Myer's "died by accident" but left the case open for further investigation if, at any time, it was thought feasible.

Routine accidents like a taxi going into the river and the driver barely escaping through the window are just a few of the many mishaps at the bridge that keep Chief Taylor on the hop and add to the air of mystery and unknown of the iron bridge.

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