



GRADE SIX ENJOYS BIKE HIKE

With the closing of the city schools scheduled for Thursday and Friday of this week, a number of classes during the final study periods are finding that there is little

bookwork to occupy their full time. The result is that some of the teachers are arranging brief outings. Here are seen the 26 students of Ernest Mutch's grade six at St. Jean's

School as they returned yesterday afternoon from a "Bike Hike" to Hazelbrook where they held a winner roast. One ancient feature of the outing

was the bicycle-built-for-two or tandem bike, left which was navigated by Mr. Mutch with back-end power being supplied by student Peter Williams.

Consequently, the corporation must determine whether more compelling factors now exist in the realm of public interest.

BIG CATCH
Swedish fishermen landed 327,000 tons of sea fish in 1963, the highest catch on record.

CHEESE PROMOTION PLAQUE PRESENTED

Muriel MacNeill, left, and Ann Flemming members of the staff of the Coop Supermarket are being shown a plaque presented to the store

by the National Dairy Council of Canada. The manager of the store W.C. Ball is holding the plaque awarded for the most outstanding promotion

of cheese products in a competition between the independently owned and operated stores in the Maritimes.

Police Conclude Skeleton Used For A Black Mass

By JOHN P. GALE

LONDON (AP)—When the bones of Jenny Humberstone were found in 1863, Britain was both shocked and intrigued.

For Jenny was said to be the victim of a black magic rite nearly two centuries after her death.

Jenny, the wife of a country surgeon, died Jan. 30, 1770, at the age of 22. She was buried in a brick-lined vault at lonely Clapham Churchyard in Bedfordshire. The bricks of the vault prevented her bones from rotting away.

On March 17 of last year, visitors to the ruined Clapham Church discovered her skull impaled on an iron stake inside the west door of the church.

The rest of the skeleton was arranged around the stake.

A police concluded the church had been used for a Black Mass. They speculated this probably had taken place the previous March 10, the night of a full moon when witches are supposed to foregather.

MANY SCEPTICAL
But some scholars wagged their heads sceptically when men demurred and the editor of a leading journal of parapsychology, Francis Clive-Ross, commented:

"I don't think it was a Black Mass or anything resembling it. If there are people seriously interested in this sort of thing, they don't court publicity and they don't leave evidence around for the police or a newspaper."

The last judicial execution for witchcraft in Britain is thought to have taken place in 1722 when an old woman was hanged as a witch at Dornock, Scotland. Thirteen years later, witchcraft ceased to be a criminal offence and has remained so.

There are, according to the best available estimates, about 7,000 witches, male and female, in Britain. The central ceremony of the old moon cult have been preserved, but there and there a chant has appeared in the curtain.

Proved beyond doubt are the existence in Britain of numerous covens, the basic unit of witchcraft, ideally comprising 13 witches. They thrive mostly in rural areas.

British witches recently have shown much concern for their public image.

Witches set sail for North America, hold conventions and have even organized a Witchcraft Research Association. They also write books, attend press conferences and pose for photographs. Frequently they're on television.

BENEVOLENT WITCHES
Mrs. Spylk Leck, a self-confessed witch from the first coven in the south of England, says about two-thirds of all British witches are white (benevolent) witches. They are the wise women of the countryside who charm away warts or try their hand at a love potion.

The black witches are regarded as the troublesome misanthropes. To these have been attributed the blood sacrifices, drunken orgies, obscene rites and churchyard desecrations which are periodically featured in the popular newspapers.

Whether these charges are well founded is open to doubt. Denis Wheatley, who has

written many books with an occult background, says:

"Ninety per cent of black magic practised in this country is mumbo jumbo or crookery. Certainly, I am satisfied by the evidence that there is a form of devil worship operating. I have had too many letters from genuine people—magistrates, doctors, clergymen and so forth—to doubt it."

But comparatively few of the black witches have any real powers. A lot of this churchyard stuff, tearing up tombstones, is basic hoodliganism.

BLACKMAIL DEVICE
What they subscribe to is the belief that crooks have used black magic rituals for blackmail.

Curious movies are drawn into some money cult and become the victims of extortion on threat of exposure.

NEW OIL REFINERY OPENS AT EASTERN PASSAGE SITE

DARTMOUTH, N.S. (CP)—A new oil refinery has been opened officially for Texaco Canada Limited at nearby Eastern Passage by Premier Stanfield.

The \$10,000,000 refinery will produce 15,500 barrels of petroleum products per day and will employ about 100.

Texaco launched an expansion program in the Atlantic provinces five years ago and a spokesman said the new refinery will be the focal point of the company's distribution system in the region.

Mr. Dawson attended the official ceremonies on the eastern shore of Halifax Harbor, about six miles from downtown Halifax.

Texaco President Frank M. Dawson said the refinery is "a tangible evidence of our company's optimism about the prospects for continuing economic growth in the Atlantic provinces and is the most important step in the expansion of our facilities in this part of Canada."

INCLUDE FUELS, OILS
Products from the new refinery will be shipped by water.

Business Briefs
OTTAWA (CP)—Canada's air scheduled air carriers reported an operating loss of \$6,114,000 in the first two months of 1964, the bureau of statistics said here.

Operating revenues for the two months totalled \$39,100,200 compared with operating expenses of \$45,200,200. The net income deficit for the period was \$5,770,500.

Coal production decreased 3.1 per cent in May to 782,000 tons from 807,148 in the same month last year. However, in the January-May period output rose 2.1 per cent to 4,713,582 tons from 4,617,875 a year previous.

Landed imports were up 2.7 per cent in the month at 1,784,694 tons compared with 1,738,284 a year previous and 10.3 per cent in the five months at 3,213,693 tons against 2,911,751 last year.

REFUSE COLLECTION
Refuse collected in Britain weighs an average of 45 pounds for each home every week.

Britain's "black magic" spate meanwhile continues unabated. A pig is found strangely slaughtered in Surrey, throat slit and body carrying 30 stab wounds. The heads of six cows and a horse are found in a bluebell wood in Bedfordshire. The eyeballs have been cut in half, the eyebones wrenched apart.

Tombstones are moved in three Sussex churchyards. On the Queen's estate at Sandringham in Norfolk, a sheep's heart pierced by five thorns is found inside a ruined church. Nailed to the bell tower is the six-inch effigy of a nude female figure, a thorn through its heart. It is said to be a crude death charm. All this has happened in the last two years.

The weight of evidence suggests that black magic cannot be ruled out in every case.

Financiers Collect Top Income

OTTAWA (CP)—Owners of financial businesses—such as stock brokers, bond dealers and money lenders—had the highest average incomes in Canada in 1962.

Revenue department statistics showed this group with an average annual income of \$18,610.

Following them were doctors and surgeons with average incomes of \$12,146; lawyers and notaries \$13,364; engineers and architects \$13,545; dentists \$13,707; accountants \$11,183; investors \$6,182; salesmen \$5,957.

Farmers, with an average income of \$4,498 in 1962—when they were selling 1963's drought-stricken Prairie crops—were expected for the first time in years by fishermen with a \$5,288 average.

Employees, who have about 83 per cent of all the income, averaged \$4,227. Pensioners averaged \$3,217.

The figures are based on T-1 short and general tax returns filed in the spring of 1963. **INCLUDE ALL INCOMES**
Income figures are those before deductions for tax purposes and they include all types of income.

Finance business owners head the group of business proprietors with the top \$18,610 average.

Average incomes of other business proprietors:
Real estate \$9,106; insurance agents \$8,742; wholesale trade \$7,115; business services \$6,143; forestry \$5,931; manufacturing \$3,866; recreation services \$3,800; retail trade \$5,547; other business \$5,286; construction \$5,041; other services \$4,467; public utilities \$4,446.

Among employees, teachers and professors had the highest average incomes with \$4,639.

POPULAR SAUCE
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CBC Letter On Film Is Tabled

OTTAWA (CP)—Text of letter from the CBC about the film, Mr. Pearson, tabled in the Commons by State Secretary Lamontagne.

The corporation has been advised by the prime minister that in his personal view a television film known as Mr. Pearson rejected for broadcast by the CBC, should be given a public showing.

The corporation has also noted opinions expressed in the House by the leader of the Opposition and other speakers.

The CBC is responsible to Parliament and must at all times carry out the wish and intent of Parliament.

The independence of the CBC from political influence in its operations is a cardinal point of public broadcasting policy. The corporation could not discharge its responsibility to Parliament without this policy.

Further, the public might well lose its confidence in the corporation and its program services if there were serious reason to doubt the corporation's integrity in such matters.

Consequently, the corporation must at all times be careful not to confuse political matters with questions of broadcast responsibility.

With respect to the present situation it does not appear to the corporation that Parliament has clearly indicated its wish that the rejected film be broadcast. In attempting to interpret the intent of Parliament in this matter, the corporation has encountered some difficulty.



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