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I See by THE PAPERS

MOUNT BRYDGES — "I just want my kids to have a dog." It was farmer Mac van Overloop speaking this week after his children's newest pets, two beagle pups, were found shot through the head.

His children are getting used to finding their dogs shot. They cried, though, when the beagles were found in the road outside the farm home near this London area village.

Mr. van Overloop said he has lost eight dogs, worth more than \$500, in the same manner in the past five years.

"Where do I go from here?" he asked. He said it appeared as though the dogs had been placed in the road after being shot to make it appear they had been killed by cars. Police are investigating.

"It's not the money that matters," the farmer said, "I had a

dog when I was a boy. Why can't my kids have a dog?"

ATLANTA, Ga. — A thief who stole about 2,000 girdles from a factory is being sought by police.

The girdles, valued at about \$50,000 were stolen from the Warner Brothers Company during the week-end.

Police said the thief broke a window to get into the building, then loaded the girdles, in boxes, into a truck at a loading platform. The girdles were priced at \$25 each.

SALERNO — Three young thugs are charged with taxing love in the south Italian village of San Valentino Torio. The state prosecutor says that when a suitor didn't pay the tax he was killed.

The three youths are being tried in Salerno for the murder of a 19-year-old peasant.

The village of 7,000 population is reputed to have the most beautiful girls in all of Salerno province. Witnesses testified that the three defendants, inspired by the Sicilian Mafia, imposed a tax on all suitors from neighboring villages who came to San Valentino Torio to court.

The racket was said to have worked until Vincenzo Esposito of

nearby Sarno, refused to pay. The prosecutor charges that the three San Valentino youths shot and killed Vincenzo last March 5 because of his refusal.

OTTAWA — Intended for the martians?

New air regulations promulgated in the Canada Gazette include this one: 'No person shall enter or attempt to enter any aircraft in flight.'

SUDBURY — This district's grand old man, 101-year-old Joe Smart, is "disgusted" with the nature of his illness. He has the mumps.

His nurses say he is impatient to get out of the hospital and "start living again".

Smart, a veteran of the Indian wars of 1885 and the First World War, says he has a lot of living to do yet.

"I'm good for a long time yet, 35 or 40 years," he said.

His home is at Vermillion Lake, about 16 miles west of here.

VICTORIA — The drivers of both cars involved in a rear-end collision pleaded guilty to impaired driving and were fined \$250 each.

Police said a car driven by a man struck the rear of a car driven by a woman. The licence of the woman was suspended.

The male driver was Hendry Sekkemo of Sidney. The woman was his wife.

LONDON — Shapur the leopard seems to have lost his chance for a slink-on role in opera.

He bit the tenor. "I don't think this leopard is a suitable stage partner," said the singer, Charles Craig.

Sadler Wells Opera House will present a new production of Strauss' opera Ariadne auf Naxos. Craig will sing the role of the god Bacchus, who in mythology is usually accompanied by a leopard.

In the interests of realism — and publicity — the opera management decided a live leopard was needed.

The Bertram Mills Circus supplied Shapur for an audition.

The 140-pounder seemed amiable enough, and Craig stroked him to introduce himself.

Shapur blinked, sniffed — and bit the tenor on the arm.

It wasn't a bad bite, but Craig complained:

"He hadn't even heard me sing when he bit me. Goodness knows what he would do with a full orchestra and singers in full blast."

TORONTO — All dentists graduating in Ontario will have to take an 18-month post-graduate course before they can administer a general anaesthetic, says a board member of the Royal College of Dental Surgeons.

Dr. James Purves of the University of Toronto dental faculty said a new ruling will eliminate the course on anaesthetics from the curriculum.

He added that no graduate has enrolled in the post-graduate course since it was offered last fall.

Dr. A. R. J. Boyd, Toronto medical officer of health, condemned the practice of administering a general anaesthetic to school children for dental work.

LONDON — Three hundred Londoners ate a 13-course meal in a stomach-stretching effort to revive the old-fashioned English breakfast of Samuel Johnson's time.

Arthur Dickson Wright — one of

the Western world's most eminent surgeons — looked on approvingly and said with a large smile:

"Eat well, my friends." The sooner you start torturing your insides, the better it is for the medical profession."

The eating began at 10 a.m. and went on for more than three hours.

The meal began with a soup charged with rum and then went on to the regular courses which were:

Oysters, shrimp, dublin prawns, eggs, mutton cutlets, beef steaks, braised kidneys, glazed tongue, roast beef, turkey roast squab, roast, teal game pie.

There were such sundries as: Muffins (eight different kinds), baked potatoes, wild rice, preserves, three sorts of cheese, french bread, rolls, toast, tea, coffee and chocolate.

An hour and a half after the meal began waiters staggered in with half-gallon pitchers of ale.

Sponsors were makers of breakfast foods.

HONG KONG — Lee Kai San, 18, decided to commit suicide because his father would not let him taste his cousin's wedding cake before the marriage ceremony.

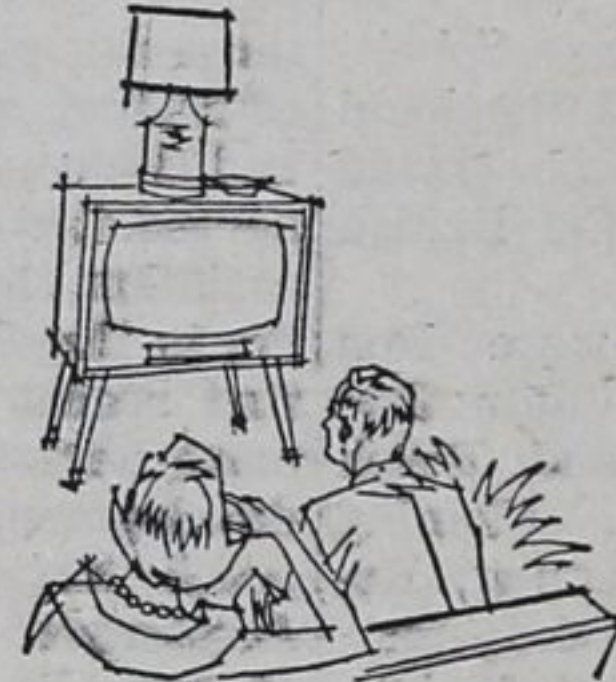
He jumped from the roof of a 12-storey building.

Passing the ninth floor, he reached out, grabbed a jutting iron bar, and hung on.

"After I jumped," he told firemen who finally pulled him to safety, "I thought, 'Now I will never know what the wedding cake tastes like.' So I changed my mind."



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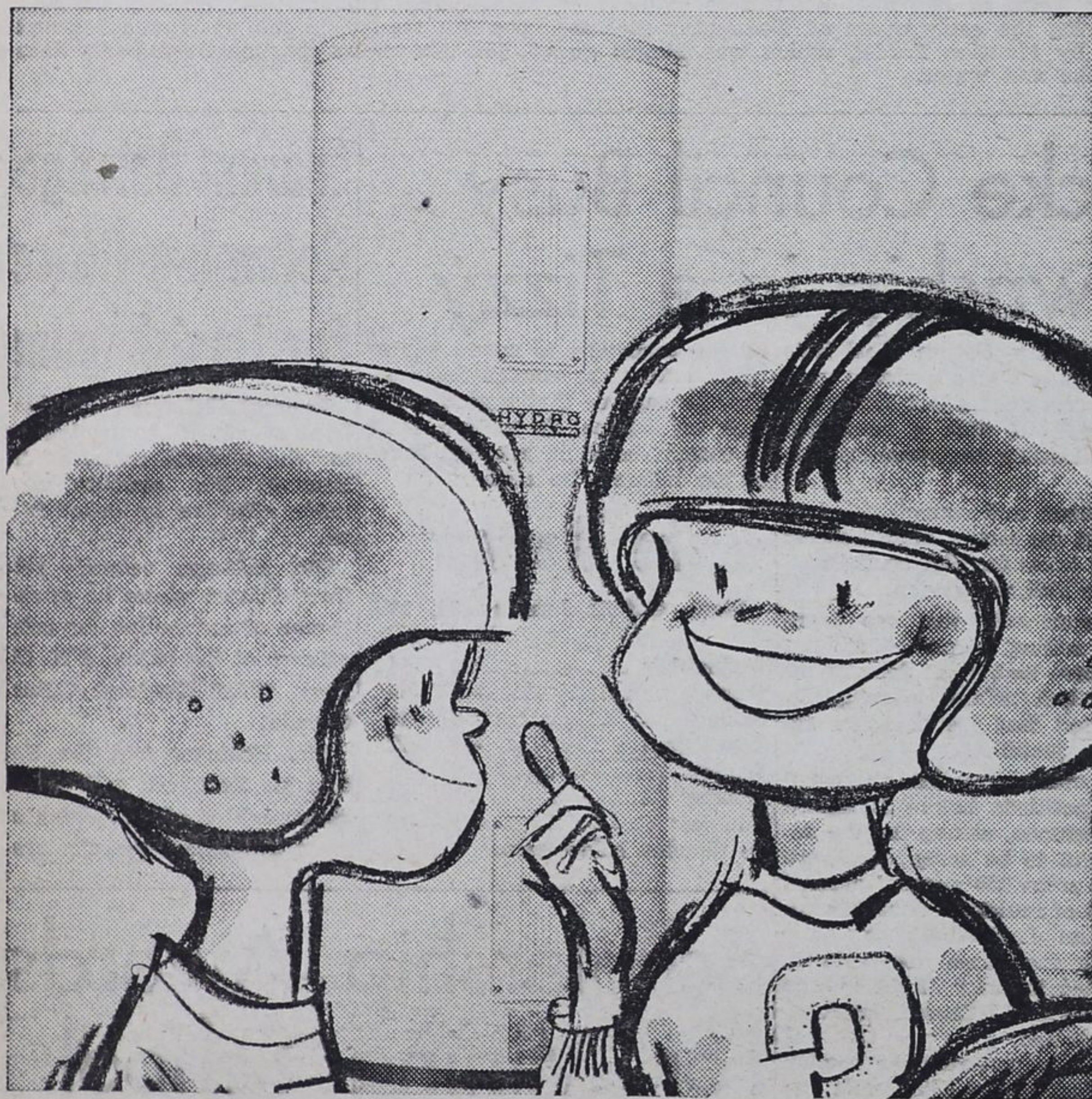


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