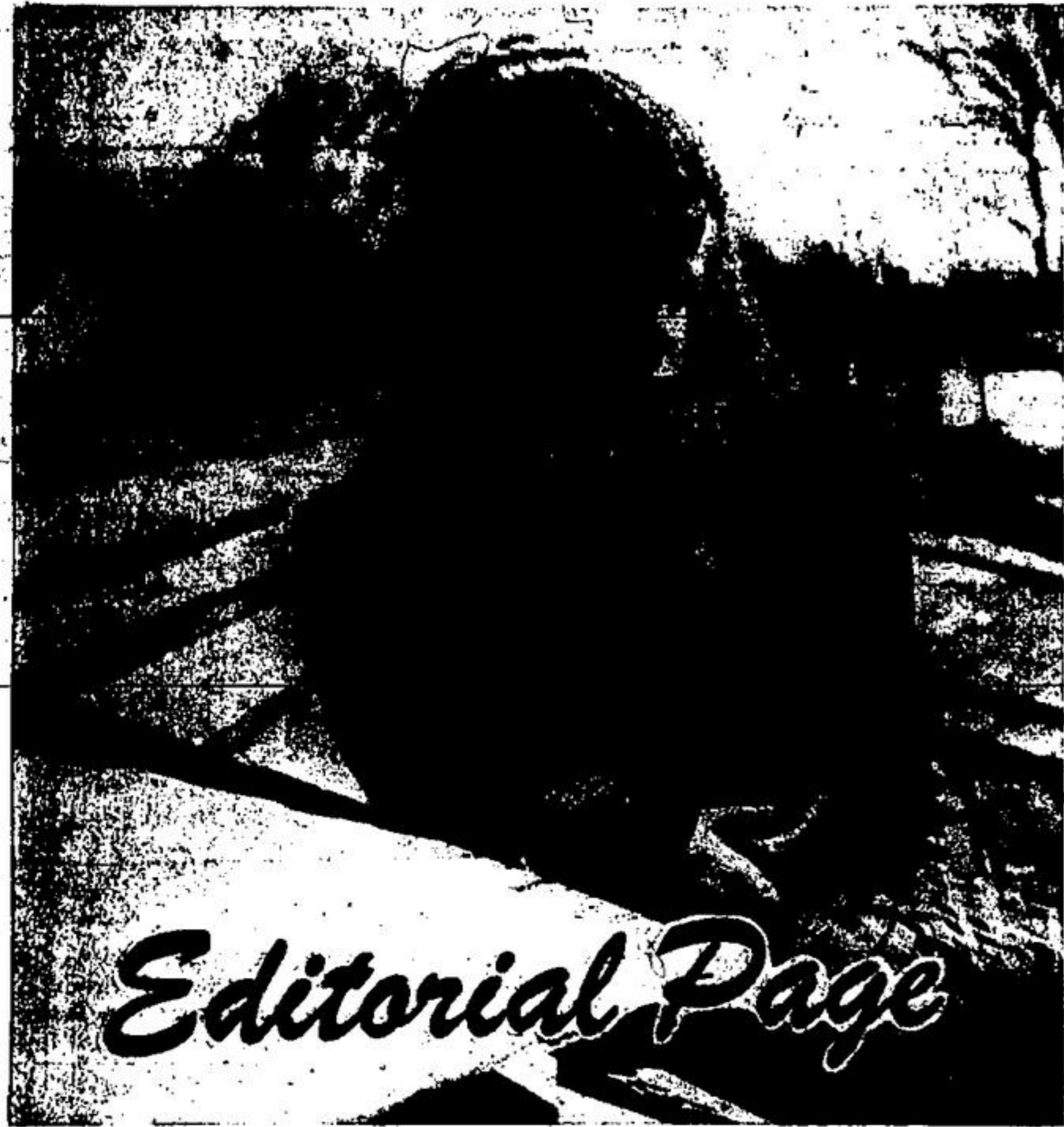


## "Seasonal Problem"



# Editorial Page

—Photo by Esther Taylor

## Hours of Work . . .

About the only comment heard these days in North America on the subject of hours of work is that while the 20-hour week is something to aim for, the 35-hour week is a goal that is likely to be reached in the immediate future. It is taken for granted by the advocates of more leisure time that all this will be accomplished without any decrease in take-home pay. It is interesting to compare this attitude with the record of what has been happening elsewhere in the world. The record, covering average weekly working hours in eight of the world's principal industrial nations for the years 1950 to 1959, was prepared by Germany's Deutsche Bank.

In the eight-nation comparison, only Canada and the United States are in the 40-hour week classification. From 1950 to 1959 the average work-week in Canada declined from 42.3 to 40.9 hours, and in the U.S. from 40.7 to 40.3 hours. The two other countries that registered a cut are nowhere near North America's 40-hour week. The average number of hours declined in Switzerland from 47.5 to 46.6, in West Germany from 48 to 45.7. In Great Britain, France and the Netherlands there were fractional increases, to 45.9 hours in Great Britain, 44.5 hours in the Netherlands.

The remaining nation in the comparison is Japan. There, from 1950 to 1959, the average number of hours worked climbed steadily, from 47.9 to 50.5 hours. No doubt this willingness to work has played no small part in Japan's re-establishment as a major industrial nation along with installation of modern plants and machines and wage rates that are lower than in any of the countries in foreign markets.

There is one related statistic that might be added to the Canadian picture. While the average work-week was declining here, the average weekly wage in manufacturing was rising, from \$43.82 in 1950 to \$70.25 in 1959. That was an increase of 60 per cent; the fact that prices and the cost of living went up by only 23 per cent was due mainly to the factor of increased industrial productivity, achieved through the investment of capital that improved industrial machines and methods.

However, such technological advances are available to all our competitors and if we insist on having even more leisure time—that is, less work for more pay—we cannot help but price our goods out of the market and ourselves out of jobs.

## Conservation - the Cost of Saving . . .

The annual levy of the Credit Valley Conservation Authority has been received by Acton Council and included in the 1962 budget. The one saving feature of the Authority's budget is that it has not increased over last year. Again this year Acton will pay 89 cents per capita, \$3,742.45, to the Authority.

The total 1962 budget for the Authority is \$177,800. Grants from the provincial government reduce the amount to be raised to \$103,250. Estimated revenue from all other sources of \$12,000 leaves \$91,250 to be raised by the municipalities within the watershed.

Already this year Oakville Council has circularized the Councils of the Authority suggesting a close look at the authority's spending. Last year Acton, without support from any other municipalities, appealed their 1961 levy by the authority before a hearing of the Ontario Municipal Board. The Authority's levy was upheld and Acton's appeal dismissed.

Acton's appeal in 1961 was based on the fact the town would receive little or no benefit from the flood control project, being made on other branches of the Credit and on the amount in the Authority's budget for Parks and Recreation. The amount levied by the Authority on Acton was greater than the amount provided by Council for the operation of Acton's own park.

At the O.M.B. hearing, it was stated, Conservation work in the Limehouse area was being studied which would be down-stream from Acton. This year \$4,000 is included in the Authority budget for "Limehouse-Conservation Area (proposed) Acquisition."

At the February meeting of the Authority in discussing the financing of major items, the Secretary reported there were two methods which could be used: The first plan would require debenturing and the unanimous consent of the municipalities involved. The second method would be "carrying it out within our current financing program under approved levies, which could be done without having to get unanimous approval."

The minutes continue, "He (the secretary) strongly urged that only one major project be carried out at a time, the first being the Orangeville reservoir, and said that this could be carried out within the present levy without curtailing present services by eliminating other development work and exercising economies of operation."

We don't think there's much hope of getting unanimous approval for debenturing. We do think some of these economies of operation could be used to reduce the annual operating levy. We think a little more emphasis should be placed on Conservation and less on recreation.

## THE GOOD OLD DAYS

### Back in 1912.

Taken from the issue of the Free Press, Thursday, March 28, 1912. Beardmore's tanneries ran out of soft coal last week and by borrowing, using wood and other experiments, the works were kept running until Saturday afternoon, when they shut down. By Monday morning, six freight cars had arrived and business progressed as usual.

The Acton Football Club was re-organized at a meeting held in the Borden club room on Monday evening. The following officers were elected: honorary president, A. O. Beardmore; president, John Clarke; vice-president, Murray McDonald; captain, Jack Wood; vice-captain, P. Dickson; secretary, C. Girdland; treasurer, A. Little; and trainer, F. Storr.

Word was received this week that the federal government has included \$10,000 in their supplementary estimate for the erection of a new government building in Acton. The new building, commonly known as a post office and customs office, is expected to adorn one of the corners of our main street. It is understood that the estimates also included \$5,000 for Milton and \$25,000 for Burlington. Mr. D. Henderson, M.P., has certainly been busy in Halton's interests since the general election.

During the Board of Education meeting on Monday, Mr. John Cameron presented plans for the proposed school addition and members generally agreed the outline would give the school a much better appearance and offer a more spacious area for teaching. The plan was adopted and will now be sent to the Education Department for their approval. During the meeting, it was learned that quite a bit of truancy was going on. The truant officer was notified to take the proper action and see these pupils were returned to school promptly.

Mr. A. J. Lehman of the Dominion Hotel, whose case for selling liquor illegally was adjourned last week, came before Justices H. P. Moore and H. W. Kennedy and was fined \$400 and costs amounting to \$20.50.

Mr. Len Atkinson has disposed of his dairy business to John Bilton and the new owner is expected to take over his new duties by Monday next.

Acton Juniors have again defeated Erin on Monday evening by a score of 10-8. The game was fast and play was clean, with only two penalties handed out during the game.

### Back in 1942

Taken from the issue of the Free Press, Thursday, April 2, 1942. Dr. J. A. McNiven, for 25 years an esteemed resident of Acton who recently retired from practice, was honored last week by the congregation of Knox church.

The time chosen for this event was the annual supper held by the congregation. Dr. McNiven was presented with a beautiful leather travelling bag by F. S. Blow on behalf of the congregation and W. K. Graham read a fitting address.

Mr. F. L. Wright has been successful in passing the examinations and qualifications for a real estate broker and during the week received his certificate from the department. Real estate has now become part of the general insurance business carried on by Mr. Wright and rounds out the service he can give in this work.

A Toronto wedding of interest was that of Miss Margaret Isabel Harrison and Herbert John Windeler. Miss Harrison is the daughter of ex-Reeve and Mrs. Hartley Harrison, formerly of Acton and now of Toronto. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Windeler, Toronto.

The Dublin Women's Institute held their March meeting at the home of Mrs. C. Atkins, with the president, Mrs. Anderson, in charge. The theme for the meeting was Irish and the roll call was answered by an Irish joke. During the business session, it was learned that three quilts had been quilted at the home of Mrs. Van Goozen last week. Plans were completed for the dance to be held in the town hall in the immediate future. Prior to lunch being served, Mrs. Britton tendered a vote of thanks to the hostess for the use of her home.

Mr. Gordon Currie has purchased the house on Frederick St. belonging to the estate of the late Mrs. Jennie McDougall. Mr. Currie and family expect to move to their new residence shortly.

Easter fashions this year will have quite a military flare—especially for the men. Quite a number of the Acton and district boys have enlisted and are wearing uniforms now.

The last days before gas rationing saw a great rush at the local gas station, J. K. Gardiner. Many were disappointed because certain books in categories they desired had run out. One garage operator reported the day rationing went into effect, one lady believed her coupon also paid for the gas.

## NEWS FROM AROUND THE DISTRICT

**GEORGETOWN**—A move which would release undeveloped portions of the Dwyer subdivision for home building received majority approval of council last week. A developer would still adhere to provisions of a 1961 by-law which controls the residential-industrial assessment ratio, however the by-law's sliding scale of cash deposits will be replaced by a flat \$200 per home plus \$1 per \$1,000 construction value.

**BURLINGTON**—Bob Hawthorne has won the World Combined Accuras Bail and Steeple Chasing championship in Belgium, setting a world record with 150 out of 200 possible points, as well as many other championships. Yet, he can't seem to get his name accepted for the Canadian Sports Hall of Fame. A world championship is usually for entry into the Hall of Fame, but Bob's been tied up in red tape.

**OAKVILLE**—Eight architects have been asked to submit designs for Oakville's proposed new town hall on the old Central School site. Earlier a contest was planned but the architects didn't think it would be ethical.

**BRAMPTON**—Since December, dogs have been having their day here, as there was no official dog-catcher. Next week, however, dogdom's freedom comes to an end. Council authorized a contract with the local animal hospital for a dog control service, effective April 1.

**STRATFORDVILLE**—The county's paving for a new bridge on Main St. this year, because the village's 10 ton truck has to use a bridge with a five ton limit to get to fires outside the town. The county will kick in \$25,000 of the \$120,000 expenditure, with government subsidies taking up the remainder.

**MILTON**—Halton County Judge George E. Elliott has been chosen Milton's first "Citizen of the Year" and will be honored May 2 by the sponsoring Canadian Legion Branch and officials of the town and county. He was a lawyer 33 years in Milton before being named judge last October.

### EBENEZER

## World Day of Prayer Service Church Kitchen, Party in News

(Intended for last week.) Nassagawewa Presbyterian women joined in fellowship at Ebenezer Church for the world day of prayer service.

Mrs. Harold Marr of Campbellville brought a special inspirational message on God's love for the whole world as speaker for the afternoon. Mrs. M. Hayward of Ebenezer and Mrs. Core of Nassagawewa were leaders for this sacred service of quiet meditation.

Mrs. Fraser and Mrs. Velma Norris of Nassagawewa sang a lovely duet. In the Beautiful Garden of Prayer, accompanied by Mrs. W. Early at the organ. A cup of tea was served by the Ebenezer ladies in the school room after the service.

**Kitchen Convenience** Two double sinks and hot water system have been installed in the new kitchen of the church. This is a much appreciated convenience by the women of the church. The cupboards are soon to get

Long winter got you down? Feel a bit frazzled? Usher acting up? Worried about the bomb? Let's take a "straight look" at things, and see how we feel.

If people paid any heed to

## Easter Seal Drive Boosts New Centre

An estimated one-third of Ontario's crippled children cannot take full advantage of the techniques that have been developed to help them overcome their handicaps.

They are the children who live outside of those areas where treatment centres are located. They are the children in those rural and remote areas of the province who require residential care. They are the children for whom our overcrowded general hospitals have no room when surgery or other corrective procedures are completed.

**Come To Toronto** In keeping with the demands being placed on those treatment centres already established in some of the large Ontario cities, a provincial treatment centre will be established in Metropolitan Toronto. Extremely difficult cases will be referred from all parts of the province where their problems will receive the attention of leading medical, dental and surgical specialists; where they may remain for a long-term treatment and observation; and where crippled children residing in a heavily populated part of central Ontario will have for the first time, adequate out-patient services available.

These facilities will be found at the Ontario Crippled Children's Centre—the rehabilitation headquarters for thousands of children.

During this Easter Season, your recognition and assistance for the 1962 Easter Seal Campaign is needed to guarantee that more of our children will graduate to young adults, able to take their place in the world.

## Let's Play Bridge

By Bill Coats

One of the most useful bids in bridge is not well understood and often not used by the average bridge player. This bid is the informative or "take-out" double. A double of an opponent's bid at the one level requests partner to bid his best suit. The requirements for this double are that the doubler should have an opening bid and support for the unbid suits.

In this week's hand, South was the author partnered with his wife at North.

North		East	
S-K J 7 5 4	H-10 7 6 5	S-8 2	H-K J 3
D-3	C-10 9 8 7 6 5 4 3	D-A K Q 5	C-K Q 8 2
South		West	
S-A Q 10 9 3	H-A Q 8	S-6	H-9 4 2
D-10 6 4	C-A 6	D-J 9 8 7 2	D-A K Q 5
		C-10 5 4 3	C-K Q 8 2

Dealer: North. North, South vulnerable. The bidding:

North	East	South	West
Pass	1D	Double	Pass
1S	2C	2S	Pass
3S	Pass	4S	Pass
Pass	Pass	Pass	Pass

**Comments on the Bidding** East cannot open 1NT because of the weak doubleton spade. South doubles East's 1 diamond to show an opening bid. North responds in her best suit. South's 2 spade bid might seem like an underbid, but remember that South has forced a bid from partner and North may have no points at all. North has a nice hand at spades and makes a simple raise to show this. South raises to four.

The play is relatively simple. North loses only one trick in each side suit.

**Bridge Tip:** If your partner makes a take-out double, remember the weaker your hand is, the more imperative it is that you take the double out.

Next week, we start on some examples of the play of the cards, so until then, remember that "Bridge is a partnership game."

### NO TRUST

One night in the Garden of Eden, Adam arrived home late for dinner and Eve looked at him accusingly. "Late again!" she snapped. "And you were probably living it up with some voluptuous blonde."

"Don't be silly," Adam replied wearily. "You know very well that in this entire world there is no one but you and me."

That night, after Adam had gone to bed, something woke him up. As his eyes fluttered open, he saw Eve hovering over him. She was counting his ribs.

## Sugar and Spice . . .

BY BILL BAILEY

the warnings, dire predictions and appalling statistics with which they are assailed on every hand, the human race would be made up of drivelling cowards, cringing under their respective beds.

Reach for a coffin nail with your morning coffee and paper, and a headline hits you between the eyes. Smoking. Lung cancer linked tests prove. Turn on your car radio as you drive to work and the announcer tells you, triumphantly, that weekend fatalities hit 72, bettering last year's record by eight. He sounds happy about it.

Start putting away something for your old age, and some cheerful vulture will inform you, with ill-concealed satisfaction, that the human race will be obliterated by nuclear weapons within the current decade.

Put in an honest, hard day's work, and some magazine article will trumpet the news that you're heading for a coronary.

Besides these fairly deadly forecasts, we are subjected to a barrage of minor threats and insults, most of them of a personal nature. The ads leave nothing sacred. They shout that we have: body odor; loose scaly dandruff; unpleasant breath; slipping dentures; treacherous kidneys; acid stomachs, and that we are badly in need of a new truss for that old hernia. They don't leave a stone not even a gall-stone, unturned. They imply that we are sickening creeps.

Fortunately there is a wonderful cluelessness, a deliberate obtuseness in human nature, that makes us go blithely on our way, recking nought of the Cassandras in our midst. And a jolly good thing, too, or life would be not only frightful but also frightening.

There is something gallant and flashing about the two-decks-a-day man who reads the lung cancer story, pales lightly, then lights a fag and blows out the smoke with the devil-may-care smile, the quizzically-lifted eyebrow of the condemned spy facing the firing squad.

There is something heroic in the man who hears the weekend fatality figures while driving to work, and merely sets his jaw, tramps on the gas, and bulls through the traffic, with all the skill, enthusiasm and disregard for danger of a Ben Hur at the reins of a chariot.

It is difficult to withhold applause at the spectacle of the imminence of sudden annihilation by H-bomb because he's too busy figuring out angles to cheat the government out of death duties on his estate.

And surely one cannot refrain from a rousing cheer for the man with a bum ticker who, retired after thirty years in a sedentary job, immediately starts slaving like a navvy, building, tearing down, fetching and carrying, shovelling snow and cutting grass, and generally showing a fine scorn for living to a ripe old age.

It must be horribly exasperating to scientists, traffic authorities, temperance people, tax collectors and doctors, but there's something unattractive in human nature. It's a sort of massive charming stupidity, a superb recklessness, that has made people ignore all warnings and deliberately seek out disaster, ever since the day Eve was warned not to fool around with that apple.

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