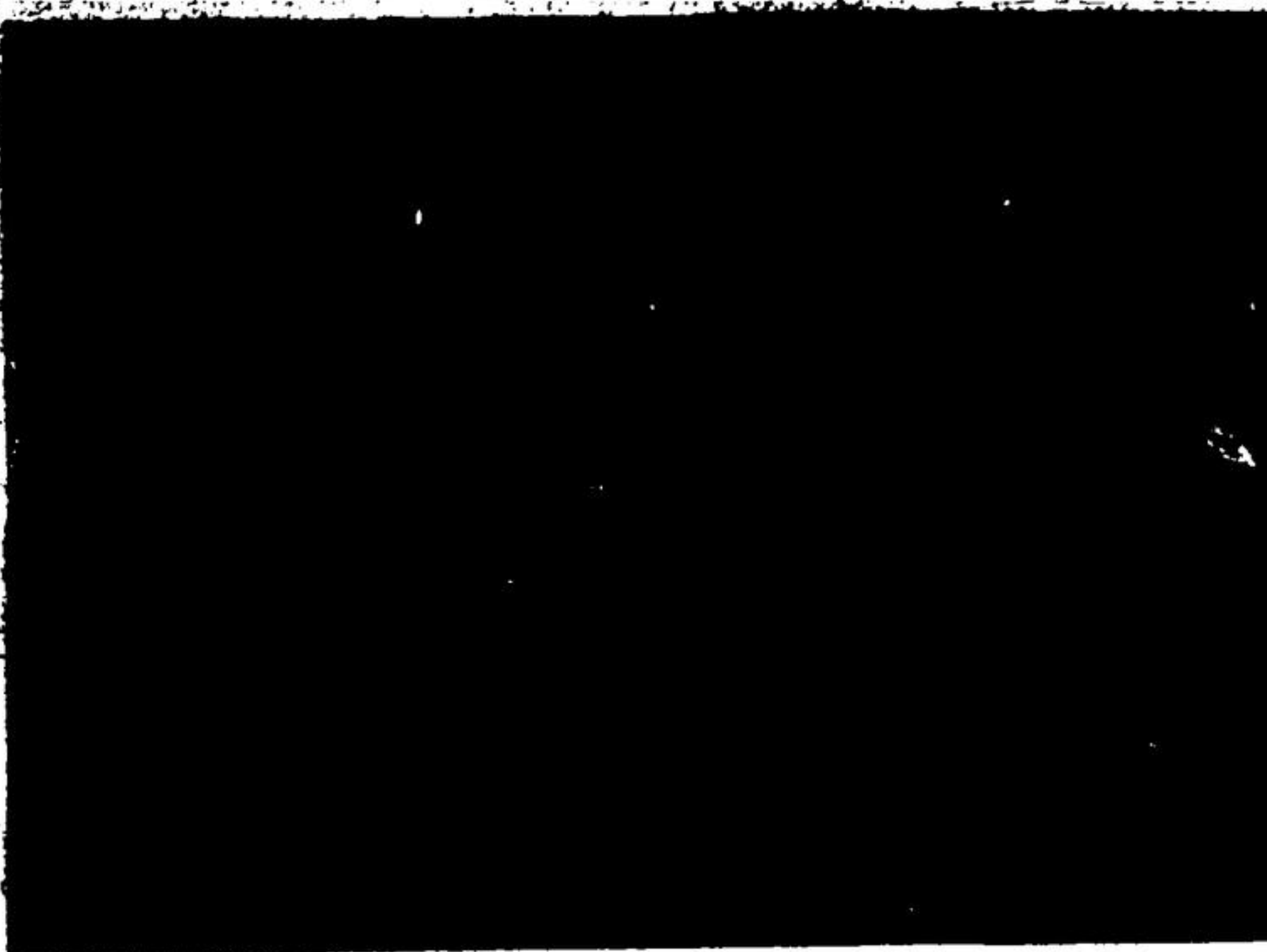


Easter Fantasy



IT'S EASTER TIME AGAIN, and every child's eyes light up at the sound of the word... for Easter means new clothes, candles left by the Easter Bunny, and a special visit to church with Mom and Dad. Barbara Ferris, age five, gets all set for the big day with a visit to the candy store, where the chocolate bunnies caught her eye.

Unlikely Utopia...

There has been considerable comment recently in support of the theory that compulsory retirement at an earlier age would be good for workers and the economy. The argument goes that if in the immediate future industrial production workers were pensioned off at age 55 — with an income high enough to sustain consumer purchasing power — automation's threat would be met by the reduced size of the labor force. Then, if retirement age were steadily stepped down over the longer range, there would always be more jobs than workers, and unemployment would be banished.

Disregarding for the moment the economic implications of the theory, it should be reported that a couple of heart specialists attending a recent cardiac symposium in Vancouver warned that leisure is not without its perils.

Drs. Richard Bing, Wayne State University, Detroit, and Oscar Magidson, University of Southern California, Los Angeles, opined that if people could retire at 40 with all the money they needed, heart disease would be much more prevalent. "It's not the strain of competition that gets you," said the doctors. "It's the frustration, and there are frustrations in retirement. Do you know of any utopia that works?"

"Strain and competition are not the cause of coronary heart disease. There's a dif-

ference between competition and frustration. We don't think competition is unhealthy, provided you have the psyche to meet it. If you're frustrated in your job, you'd be frustrated out of it."

As to the economic implications of the early retirement theory, it must be recognized that paying workers for not working would have to be a charge on the economy. The pensions would have to be paid out of production. Unless the productivity of the reduced labor force could be increased in proportion, the added pension costs would simply be added to prices, raising living costs for all.

A law compelling employers to provide early retirement pensions is in the realm of the possible, but legislation does not produce wealth. It is also within the realm of the possible that the law could compel employers to double all wages and salaries. But of course it would result in a loss rather than a gain to the public because there would have to be a compensating increase in the cost of living.

Higher wages, shorter hours, more jobs, earlier retirement, better living standards — all are the fruits of economic growth, of increased wealth production. The gains achieved in the last decade or the last half century are obvious to all. But there is no magic wand of legislation to force that growth.

Voters Dislike Hard Realities...

The new budget very clearly illustrated how difficult a country Canada is to govern, says The Financial Post in a front page editorial. We have built-in problems of great magnitude. But what we call a democracy in 1964 makes it incredibly difficult for a government to do the things the national interest calls for. Certainly, in its budget, the government has made a number of sensible and constructive moves. It has extended the period of fast write-offs for new producers in depressed areas. It is actively encouraging our millions of teenagers to equip themselves with the skills necessary in an increasingly complex technical age. It has hopes for widening Canadian participation in the ownership of Canadian firms.

But the basic dilemma of how to maintain high Canadian living standards and create an economy more capable of determining its own destiny remains unresolved. How long can we survive with prosperity primed by budget deficits? With unemployment and impending inflation? With balance of payments deficits and rising foreign ownership that requires ever-higher dividend payments abroad?

This is Mr. Gordon's dilemma. It is the dilemma of all Canadians. The first budget presented by Mr. Gordon attempted to tackle this dilemma by making significant changes in Canada's commercial policies. Those plans didn't work. Many Canadians now think nothing effective and acceptable to most people can be concocted. The pre-

sent budget attempts no major changes. It is acceptable to most because of the present high level of business activity, and because it avoids the difficult and important problems. But neither the failure of the first budget nor the neutrality of the present budget should be allowed to mask the facts as to where Canada's present course eventually leads. Do Canadians care? Are they willing to accept hard and basic changes in our commercial policies, our combines policies, our trade policies and our tax policies? The most challenging issue in Canadian history still faces our government but voters dislike facing hard realities.

Views of Others...

(Toronto Star)

With a surprising unanimity and lack of discussion, the House of Commons election committee has recommended that the voting age in federal elections be lowered from 21 to 18.

This is in line with the modern philosophy that "youth must be served," but it would have shocked our ancestors, who regarded persons under 21 as little more than children. We have certainly come a long way from the opinion of the ancient Indian sages who considered that no man was qualified to take part in public affairs until he had been "20 years a youth, 20 years a warrior, and 20 years head of a household."

THE GOOD OLD DAYS

20 YEARS AGO

Taken from the issue of the Free Press of Thursday, March 14, 1944.

Last Thursday Halton's member, Mr. Stanley L. Hall M.L.A. in the Ontario legislature made his first address. His remarks were directed to the new department, known as the Planning and Development department. "I believe it is a department which has long been needed in the province."

Bob Allan has joined the navy and is stationed at Hamilton. Calvert Rowles has joined the R.C.A.F. and is stationed at Manning Depot.

For the first time since the blood donor clinics opened in Acton women are invited to be donors at the next clinic, likely the end of this month.

The Red Cross campaign in Acton and district is still incomplete. The first report of the rural sections has come in and Dr. B. D. Young turned in \$231 from one section of Nassagaweya and reported that the Busy Bees had contributed \$100 to the drive. Most of the industries have reported and the results are encouraging. The retail section of town is done and the house-to-house canvass is being made. Acton Branch objective is \$3,500.

At county council a grant of \$1,000 was made to help the Lorne Scots Col. Bertram explained the regiment consists of two groups of men — boys of around 17 and of older men not subject to call, but the efficiency of the regiment has by no means fallen off.

The Y table tennis trophy donated by Baxter Laboratories was won by Helen Holmes and Don Force, last year's winners. The finals were run off between Helen Holmes and Bunny Anderson. Runner-up for the boys was Ken Adamson. The badminton trophy was won by Miss Florence Salt and Doug Davidson. Runners-up were Miss Dora Wood and Herb Dean.

Pte. Gordon Beatty was home on leave from Petawawa, Corp. Gordon McKeown, who arrived home from overseas recently, was home from hospital in Toronto.

LAC Edward Hufnagel has arrived safely overseas.

50 YEARS AGO

Taken from the issue of the Free Press of Thursday, March 19, 1914.

Much interest has been manifested in the suggestion of Mrs. Jennie Wood, Guelph, respecting the formation of a committee to undertake for a reasonable consideration, the permanent care of plots in Fairview cemetery.

Crowson's Corners post office will be closed at the end of the month.

Barely five months after her husband's death, Mary Nelson Burns, widow of the late Thomas Blair, passed away at the home of her son-in-law, Mr. Spencer Husband. She was born in County Town in 1825 and was an expert maker of Irish lace. In 1845 she came to Canada going direct to Nelson township. Her four daughters and one son, all at the funeral, are Mrs. Spencer Husband, Mrs. W. R. Kennel, Mrs. L. G. Matthews, Mrs. John McCausland, George Blair.

Rarely has anyone who has attained the extreme age of 86 years passed away with the gentle peace which characterized the death of Mrs. Mary Ann Wilts, who has resided with her daughter, Mrs. David Williamson, for a generation. The dear old lady was not in bed for a day. She was born in New York in 1828 and came to Canada as a child. They came to Acton 55 years ago.

Under ideal conditions of both weather and road the Presbyterian Young People's Society paid a fraternal visit to the Rockwood Young Presbyterians. Three well-filled sleigh loads and several single outfits carrying about 50 persons, comprised the party. Mr. John Cole conducted the proceedings. The topic was given by Miss Nora Kenney. The party returned home with great praise for their Rockwood hosts.

The salary of the superintendent and matron of the Peel-Halton House of Refuge has been increased from \$800 to \$1,000.

Sleighing is over, after three months continuous good roads. Rippling rills on the roadside sing of coming spring.

The pavements are clear of ice and water at last, and the dainty little pussy willow is peeping out.

NEWS FROM AROUND THE DISTRICT

BRAMPTON — Two small children died and their father was seriously injured when the panel truck in which they were riding was struck by a Toronto-bound CNR express train. Donald Garbutt, 40, of R.R. 4, Georgetown, is in Peel Memorial Hospital in satisfactory condition following the accident on the Fourth Line W. Chinguacousy. Dead are his two small sons Kevin, one and Allen, three.

GEORGETOWN — The Georgetown Senior Citizens' Club came out in favor of eliminating people 65 years of age and up from paying school taxes. It was one of five points made by the provincial Senior Citizens convention in September of last year to which they added their support.

BURLINGTON — Over 300 people unanimously approved establishment of a family YMCA in Burlington. The gathering was called by the Burlington Jaycees to give the group indication of the support Burlington residents will give to the project. The meeting was termed "very successful" by the Junior Chamber.

STREETSVILLE — Council ordered an inquiry into the affairs of the Town's Public Utilities Commission. The P.U.C.'s presentation of \$5,800 account to the Town for hydrant rental, precipitated the action. Councilors, by a 5-4 vote, agreed to find out information concerning ownership of Town Hall premises; the historical background surrounding the creation of the P.U.C.; the financial condition of the P.U.C. in respect to its rental claim; and the possibility of a large P.U.C. surplus this year.

MILTON — "Why should I have to pay a long distance toll on a call to Oakville?" Tom Bradley of Court St. asked Milton Councilors recently. The fact Oakville surrounds the town on three sides was noted, as he complained he should be able to reach the Oakville exchange. Reeve C. A. Martin suggested the Bell Telephone Co. would probably be glad to extend the calling area, but the increased number of phones would require a higher monthly rate.

1964 Road Map Now Available

Release of the 1964 edition of the Official Road Map, published by the Department of Highways, Ontario, for general distribution, is announced.

In commenting on the release of the new map, Highways Minister, Chas. S. MacNaughton noted that the major change in the new, completely updated map is the use of coated paper, specially manufactured for maps, which improves clarity and makes for easier reading.

New ways of improving travel on Highway 401 are included for the first time. The Minister explained, through pin-pointing the eight Service Centres now in operation. A further improvement for the benefit of those using this 510-mile freeway from Windsor to the Quebec border is identification by number of completed interchanges.

Another innovation is the listing of all standard radio broadcasting stations in Ontario with their call letters, locations and frequencies.

The Department has retained the effective color scheme of the map which was introduced for the first time in printing the 1963 map. This motif presents the map with the background of the province in white, which, together with the use of modern type face, results in vastly improved readability of the map.

Other features of the map include mileage tables over the most direct routes; distinctive boundaries of provincial parks, forests and game preserves; the outline of built-up suburban areas around many cities and towns; the designation with special symbols of Tourist Reception Centres, St. John Ambulance First Aid Posts and hospitals.

The map was designed, as in previous years, by the Highway Department's own Cartographic Section. The cover, executed by D.H.O. Art Section, graphically illustrates the S-sweep of the Garden City Skyway on the Queen Elizabeth Way at St. Catharines.

Initial printing of the new map will be 1,000,000 copies, with provision for more, depending on demand.

The new map may be obtained free of charge from any of the 18 district or five regional offices of the Department of Highways, Ontario, the Head Office of the Department (Downsview P.O.), or the Department of Tourism and Information, Parliament Buildings, Toronto. The map will also be available at any of the Service Centres and also Tourist Reception Centres of the Department of Tourism and Information.

Copies of the separate map of the northern and northwestern parts of Ontario are also available from the same addresses.

Sugar and Spice...

BY BILL BAILEY

A great load has been lifted from my mind. For a while there, I thought that chap, Richard Burton, was not going to do right by our Liz. Now I can sleep of nights.

And I was delighted that they were married in Canada. Even though it took place in Montreal, and everybody is aware that Montreal is a wicked, wicked place, being married in Canada is a pretty serious proposition; as we all know, don't we?

I wonder if anyone pointed out to the happy couple that a Quebec marriage can be dissolved only by an act of parliament. There could be some mighty exciting times in the House of Commons in a couple of years. Or six months.

Can't you just hear the separatists howling the English are trying to ram this di-

Let's Play Bridge

By Bill Coats

This week's *Kand* illustrates a point that I mentioned in a previous column. Declarer must make a plan before he plays and must count his tricks. If there are two or three ways to make a hand, declarer should avail himself of the play that has the best chance of succeeding. It is very dangerous to jeopardize a contract for the sake of an overtrick.

This is board no. 14 from last week's duplicate bridge game at the Acton Bridge Club.

Dealer — South. Neither side vulnerable.

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

The bidding:
South Pass West North East
4S All Pass

The bidding should be short and sweet. North has a maximum hand for a bid of one no trump. South, with nine points and a good six card major suit, should jump to game in spades. There is no need to fool around. Too many players get in difficulty by not bidding their cards to the full extent. When you can see game — bid it.

Maybe I shouldn't be so insistent on game since the three declarers who got to four spades, only one made the contract.

West leads a heart or a spade, declarer has no trouble. He will lose at the most two clubs and one diamond. If, however, West leads a club, then declarer must proceed cautiously.

If East takes the ace and king of clubs and leads a third club, declarer should not ruff but should discard a diamond. The reason for this is that declarer should count tricks and ace accordingly. There are six spade tricks, two red aces and two club tricks, even if West ruffs one. This totals 10 tricks and is enough for game.

If, however, West leads a diamond, this will really put declarer to the test. Again, declarer should not take any chances. He should give up all hope of an overtrick and settle for the contract. If he finesse now, he will lose a diamond, two clubs and an over-trick in clubs.

All declarer needs to do is count to 10 and not take chances. Six spades, three diamonds and the heart ace makes 10. Don't fiddle and allow the opponents the club shift.

This week's winners: first, Mrs. Mary Hooper, Earl Ermand; second, Art Norris, Mrs. Gloria Coats; third, Mrs. Kay Campbell, Doug Campbell.

COMON OUT

Sunday school teacher: "Johnny where do you think God is this morning?"

"In our bathroom," was the reply.

"What on earth makes you say that?" asked the amazed teacher.

"Cause, just before I left home I heard pa say, 'My Lord! How long are you going to be in there?'"

TACT: changing the subject without changing your mind.

force down the throat of La Belle Province and thereby insulting her sacred traditions, defaming her ancient glory and honor?

Anyway, it was a fine ceremony: the English-born American film star of Jewish faith, married to the Welsh Presbyterian stage actor by a Unitarian minister in a French-Canadian city. On Sunday.

A pretty select company at the wedding, too. A few friends, a gaggle of lawyers, and a brace of public relations men. None of those maiden aunts weeping all over the bride's make-up.

I'll bet that, even if the groom was a little rusty, Liz knew her lines. This was her fifth appearance in that particular scene. She'd scarcely need prompting.

The groom had been through the ropes, only once before. This culminated in a Mexican divorce last December, which is reported to have cost him \$1,500,000. Question: Would you pay that to get rid of your wife? Depends on whether you had it, you say? Sorry I asked.

I'll bet I know what you're thinking. You're thinking I am writing this snidely, with tongue in cheek. You're wrong. I'm just glad things are settled so my wife can get back to the ironing.

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A lot of people including some who wouldn't give a nickel to their blind leper cousin if he ran around with girls, have taken a very dim view of the behavior of the glamorous pair. People have told me, with great satisfaction, that Toronto's upper crust deliberately ignored them.

Admit it, girls. Who would you rather be than Liz Taylor? Four husbands behind you, four kids, a couple of million bucks in the bank, and Richard Burton and a ring, all at the age of 32. Admit it, chaps. Where is the hardship in getting home from work and having Miss Taylor throw herself on your bosom?

They may not be Abelard and Heloise, Charles II and Nell Gwyn, or Napoleon and Josephine, but they have given us a love story with enough color, dash and flair to stir even Canadians in the grip of March.

Mr. Burton is the most electric actor I've ever seen. Miss Taylor is a lady I would definitely cross the street to chat with. Good luck to them. And if it's any help, my wife says, "This will definitely last. She's found the right man."

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