

Editorial Page

Lobsters and Syrup ...

The sap's running but in Nova Scotia hundreds of thousands of dollars are going unharvested. Most farmers in this part of the country don't feel it's worthwhile to tap trees and make syrup.

In some respects maple syrup is similar to lobster. It's a gourmet food produced in only a few places in the world.

The sugar maple does not grow in Europe or Asia or Africa or Australia or South America.

Even in North America the sugar maple grows only in Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Ontario, Quebec and a corner of northeastern U.S.A.

Canada produces two million gallons of syrup a year, 25 per cent of which is processed into maple sugar. The country has trees to produce ten times as much.

Two things are being done in other parts of the country to make the sap harvest profitable.

We recall the first planned sugar maple forest we saw. A few years previously the farmer had set out trees in orderly rows. When this man harvested his sap he drove the sleigh between neat rows of trees. Reaching scarcely more than arm's length for the buckets he could fill a barrel in a few minutes. He gathered more sap in one hour than in two days of the former haphazard method of scrambling through a dense woodland.

The other step necessary for profits is in marketing. Pure chocolate can be bought for less than a dollar a pound. Yet people gladly pay two or three dollars a pound when the product is moulded into various shapes and attractively packaged.

It's the same with maple syrup. In a plain jar with a plain label it is not in great demand on the local market. Yet buyers in distant cities

pay three times as much when the product is in a fancy bottle with an attractive label.

When maple sugar is moulded into fancy designs and is offered in fancy boxes in the big city it brings a fancy price.

Efficient processing methods and enterprise in marketing have resulted in a thriving lobster industry in Nova Scotia.

Similar skills and imagination could provide a golden harvest from this province's sugar maples.

What better time to start than Canada's Centennial Year?

—The Pictou (N.S.) Advocate

There is HOPE ...

In Canada, one child in every 30 is born — or is destined to become — mentally retarded. That's more than 17,000 each year and each one needs special care and attention.

The North Halton Association for Retarded Children has accepted the challenge of meeting the need locally, first in the establishment of the Sunshine School, and now in the establishment of HOPE, where young adults may learn some useful skills and contribute a share towards a productive future.

This is vital work and the invitation has gone out, with Flowers of Hope seeds, to all to participate financially in the program. Plant the seeds and sow a financial donation to the Retarded Children's Association where it may be productive of a better opportunity for one life.

The \$5,000 objective is realistic and necessary in the continuation of the work. Play your part this week by returning your envelope.



—Staff Photo

HALTON COUNTY AGRICULTURAL COMMITTEE'S centennial tree-planting program was quite successful and saw 1,800 trees sold to residents within a week. Aided by a provincial \$2,000 grant which the County Council matched dollar for dollar, the agricultural committee offered rural residents trees to beautify their property frontages at 50 cents each, and 1,500 were sold. About 900 of them were red maples and the remainder sugar maples and ash. When they sold out in a hurry the county offered any other Halton residents the same trees at the county's reduced price, \$3 for maples and \$1.50 for ash, and another 300 were sold. Here agricultural committee members R. R. Parker of Acton, W. F. Hunter of Georgetown and Herb Merry of Oakville check over the trees which were delivered to the county building Thursday and passed out to the purchasers Friday and Saturday.



Sugar and Spice ...

BY BILL SMILEY

We normally associate with that lovely creation known as the female of the species, I have known Mill Rate since she was a girl, and I am here to state, without apology, that she is a pig.

It's difficult to believe that such a union could produce progeny. But it did. His name is Taxes.

Taxes' career has been about what you could expect from such parents. He was an unpleasant child from the beginning. Unwanted, unloved, rejected at every turn, whiney, demanding.

He hasn't changed much, except that he's grown. He is now a big slob, over-fed, underworked, menacing if he doesn't get his allowance right on time, sulky if some of it is held back.

But he has a lot of promise. Around election time. He's going

to cut the lawn, and wash the car, and paint the trim and smarten the old place up so you won't know it.

But somewhere along the line, something went haywire. He cuts the trees, paints the lawn and washes the lake, and figures, after one year, that his allowance is not big enough.

For some reason — and it certainly isn't his winning personality — Taxes has become the most-talked-about man in town. Mayors develop dyspepsia, councillors vomit, when they try to deal with this delinquent.

They can't quite handle him. He talks so glibly of government grants on outdoor toilet systems under the winter works program, and potential pot-holes in the roads, and (with a heart-rending sob) of the people

All across Canada these days municipal councils have been wrestling with the arch-villain of all time, a mysterious monster called The Budget.

Although he is made up from a combination of concrete things like sewers and schools and streets, The Budget himself is an abstract thing. He is like The Devil. You can't see him or hear him or even smell him. You can't really understand him, but you know he is there; a blind, malignant creature that cannot be controlled.

You can fight him and get a bloody nose. You can hammer at him, chisel at him, chop at him — and all you get are a broken hammer, a dull chisel and a blunted axe.

The budget is like an octopus. He grows bigger every year. His appetite increases, his tentacles become longer and stronger and more strangling as he grows. And when you try to come to grips with him, he evades, a cloud of black (or red) ink which obscures him from view. Of what ingredients is The Budget composed? Really he's a two-headed monster, a regular Siamese twin.


On one hand, it is just a big bundle of sugar and spice; new schools; new industries; a new library or community centre; wider streets; better lighting; sewage disposal and snow plowing. Progress, culture, civilization, comfort. At first glance it appears that The Budget is the most desirable thing man has dreamed up since The Devil.

On the other hand, he is snags and snails and puppy-dog tails. That's what little towns are made of. And big towns too.

And the reason for this, of course, is that The Budget, this big, ugly, unmanageable brute who is impervious to human feeling, fell in love, by some chemical accident, while a mere hulking, lunk of a boy, with a girl called Mill Rate. Most of us know her as Mill.

She is just as unrepentant as her husband. She is steely-eyed, relentless, unscrupulous and absolutely without mercy, charm, pity, looks, or any of the qualities

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LET'S PLAY BRIDGE

By Bill Coats

It is usual, in a bridge game, to use dummy's trump to ruff losers and use declarer's trump to extract the opponents' trump. Occasionally, a hand occurs in which this process is reversed. The play has been given the name "dummy reversal". Declarer ruffs in his hand and uses dummy's trump to take out trump.

Playing at the Erin Bridge Club last week, such a hand did occur. I was sitting North and my partner in the South position was my wife. Her dummy reversal brought home a difficult game contract.

Dealer — East.

North - South vulnerable.

North	South	West	North
S-Q 7 6 2	Pass	1 C	Pass
H-J 9 7 3	Pass	1 S	Pass
D-A K Q	All Pass		
C-Q 10			

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

South
S-A K 9 3
H-6
D-J 9 8 5
C-K 9 7 3

The bidding:
East South West North
Pass 1 C Pass 1 D
Pass 1 S Pass 4 S

South has a minimum opener but such hands must be bid at the first opportunity. I decided to get fancy with North's hand. I didn't want to guess which major to bid, so I temporized with one diamond. When South showed a four card spade suit, I jumped straight to game.

With any lead but a heart, declarer has time to develop ten tricks; four diamonds and a spade ruff. As it was, though, West got off to a heart lead. Declarer ruffed the second round. Now if South draws trump, she could easily lose two more hearts and the ace of clubs, which would mean down one.

South should ruff the second heart and try for a dummy reversal. A diamond to dummy and another heart is led and ruffed. Declarer ruffed the second round. Now the high trump are taken and dummy is entered again with a diamond.

Dummy's queen of spades serves to take out the last of the opponents' trump, while declarer gets rid of a club. Dummy's last diamond is cashed and declarer re-enters her hand with a club, to

Scotland Delegate Visits Here in June

Miss Elsie Gall, of Aberdeen, Scotland, will be visiting in Halton County for two weeks during June. Miss Gall is one of the nine Young Farmer delegates from the United Kingdom participating in an annual exchange visit conducted by the Junior Farmer Association of Ontario and the Young Farmers' Clubs of the U. K.

While they are here the Young Farmers will live with host farm families in all areas of the Province. Their counterparts in the exchange, leave Toronto International Airport on May 13, for a 10-week visit to Britain where they will be guests of farm families.

take the tenth trick with the jack of diamonds.

A dummy reversal was used here to avoid losing three hearts, but it can also be used to develop tricks. When dummy has long trump, think about using your trump to ruff and dummy's trump to take out trump.

Last week's winners were: tied for first, Mrs. Katherine Coats and Gerry Reynolds, with Bill Hamilton and Tom Warnes; third, Bill Barbour and Gloria Coats.

This Sunday's Church Calendar

ACTON BAPTIST CHURCH
 Founded 1842
 Pastor: Rev. Stanley Gammon
 Res. 144 Tidey Ave., Ph. 853-1615.
 SUNDAY, MAY 15th, 1966
 9:45 a.m.—Church School, Adult Class.
 11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship, "Your Privileged Share."
 7:00 p.m.—Evening Service, "An Evening at Camp Hermon." Sponsored by our B.H.F.

Wednesday, May 18 — Prayer and Bible Study, 7:30.
 Thursday, May 19 — Choir practice, 7:30.
 Friday, May 20—B.H.F. 7:00; Explorers 7:30.

Text for week, "You came with sword, spear and shield, but I come in the name of the Lord of Hosts." I Sam. 17: 45.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN CANADA
KNOX CHURCH, ACTON
 Rev. Andrew H. McKenzie, B.A., B.D. Minister
 Mr. E. A. Hansen, B.A. Organist and Choir Master
 SUNDAY, MAY 15th, 1966
 9:45 a.m.—Church School.
 11:00 a.m.—Divine Worship. Sermon theme, "The Kingdom's Unveiling."
 7:30 p.m.—Youth Fellowship meeting. Topic for discussion, "Date Insurance".
 Everyone Most Welcome

BETH-EL CHRISTIAN REFORMED CHURCH
 Acton, Ontario.
 Rev. Wiebe Van Dijk
 Phone 853-1585
 SUNDAY, MAY 15th, 1966
 10:00 a.m.—English Service.
 2:30 p.m.—Dutch Service.
 3:45 p.m.—Sunday School.

THE CHURCH OF ST. ALBAN THE MARTYR ANGLICAN
 Corner Willow and St. Alban's Drive
 Rev. Ritchie McMurray
 M.A., S.T.B.
 Easter V.
 SUNDAY, MAY 15th, 1966
 Rogation Sunday
 9:00 a.m.—Holy Eucharist
 10:30 a.m.—Church School.
 10:30 a.m.—Holy Eucharist.
 Thursday, May 19, The Ascension of Our Lord, 10 a.m. — Holy Eucharist.

TRINITY CHURCH (The United Church of Canada)
 Minister
 The Rev. Dwight I. Engel, B.A., B.D.
 Organist:
 Mr. George Elliott, M.A., Ph.D.
 SUNDAY, MAY 15th, 1966
 CHURCH SCHOOL
 9:30 a.m.—Grades 4 - 8.
 11:00 a.m.—Nursery to Grade 3.
 SERVICES OF WORSHIP
 9:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m.
 7:00 p.m.—Confirmation Class.
 8:00 p.m.—Open forum, "Victnam".
 Everyone Welcome

EVANGEL PENTECOSTAL TABERNACLE CHURCH
 P.A.O.C.
 33 CHURCH ROAD
 Rev. S. M. Thomas, Pastor
 853-2715
 Tuesday through Friday, May 10-13, at 8 p.m. — Special services with Evangelist Pierce. Don't miss this "Opportunity".
 Thursday, May 12 — Ambassadors cancelled.
 Friday, May 13, 7 p.m.—Crusaders cancelled.
 SUNDAY, MAY 15th, 1966
 10:00 a.m.—Sunday School for all ages.
 11:00 a.m.—Morning Worship Service.
 7:00 p.m.—Evening Evangelistic Service.
 Evangelist Jim Pierce of Winnipeg will speak at both services.
 Tuesday, 8 p.m. — Prayer and Bible Study.
 Thursday, 8 p.m.—Crusaders.
 The C.A. from Dixon Road Tabernacle, Toronto, will be present and take charge.

MAPLE AVENUE BAPTIST CHURCH
 (Georgetown)
 SUNDAY, MAY 15th, 1966
 9:45 a.m.—Sunday School.
 11:00 a.m.—Morning Service.
 7:00 p.m.—Evening Service.
 Wednesday, 8 p.m.—Prayer meeting.
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