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Why Not?

A local family who visited Ottawa recently returned with glowing reports about the experiment which has transformed busy downtown parks into a shopping mall.

Borrowing an idea tried in a few American cities, Ottawa's downtown merchants persuaded city council to block off a section of one of the main downtown streets to supervisor parking place in the centre of the city. And apparently it has paid off, both for merchants and for the city, which derives a large tax revenue from such properties.

The man was the cooperative effort between city council and merchants.

It has allowed introduction of some new uses. As the result, traffic access to the plaza which is located in the suburbs in Ottawa there is piping hot

equipment for children, fancy lighting, trees and shrubs planted in boxes and many other attractions to interest people on a shopping trip.

Downtown Georgetown merchants might well consider the possibility of such a venture here. For years, we have heard complaints about parking problems in a section of town which was never planned to handle the volume of traffic which exists today.

It might well be considered a two-block wall on Main Street and improve traffic to the plaza in the area behind the northern block of Main Street.

There would be many solutions to this, among merchants themselves and with council. But it is not outside the logic of reason that something similar to the Ottawa experiment might be an addition to the local shopping scene.

Sad Old World...

The world seems to be a long way from the days we dreamed about at the end of World War 2.

Russia and the USA control countries and the NATO block of nations have lashed on a running lead for so many years that it has become accepted as part of our way of life. The United States has gathered bombing details on the diplomatic plane, with the latest of incidents is to the president of East Russia and Japan, one because of a spy plane incident, the other because of anti-American acts. The African continent is a factor with independent status granted to countries not yet ready for it. Cuba, the pet of the USA following Castro's revolution, has done a complete about face and is a Latin American trouble spot.

It is too much to expect, perhaps, that

human beings can always live in complete brotherly love. There are always disagreements within countries and few are the families which don't have their differences among blood relatives.

But with today's powerful weapons of destruction, we will have to evolve some sensible solution to our world problems unless we want to exterminate ourselves completely and start the creation cycle from scratch again.

Saddest thing of all is that power is concentrated in the hands of so few individuals. And Hitler proved just how terrible one man's power, wrongly used, can be.

Maybe the only answer is to let the ladies run the world for a few years. They can't make any worse mess of things than the men have done, that's sure.

A Reverse Situation...

A few decades ago it was fairly common for weekly newspapers to be edited by ex-school teachers who traded the teacher's chalk for the editor's quill.

Today there seems to be a reverse trend.

Editor Bill Smiley is selling his Wartime paper and taking a summer school course prior to teaching high school this fall. Cal M. Hattie, former editor at Aiston is planning a similar venture.

Things Could Be Worse...

The Dutton Advance points out some of the reasons, perhaps, why teachers left the profession in the eighties; in this article borrowed from that publication, and titled "Things Could Be Worse".

Our friends in the teaching profession, who feel they have a rough time of it today, should at least be thankful they were not in the business away back around 1872. At that time, according to Galaxy Science Fiction, the following rules were laid down for those instructing in the three R's.

1. Teachers each day will fill lamps, clean chimneys, and trim wicks.

2. Each teacher will bring a bucket of water and a scuttle of coal for the day's session.

3. Make your pens carefully. You may whittle nibs to the individual tastes of the pupils.

4. Men teachers may take one even-

ing each week for courtship purposes, or two evenings per week if they attend church regularly.

5. After ten hours in school, the teacher should spend the remaining time reading the Bible or other good books.

6. Women teachers who marry or engage in unseemly conduct will be dismissed.

7. Each teacher should lay aside from each pay a goodly sum of his earnings for his benefit during his declining years so that he will not become a burden on society.

8. Any teacher who smokes, uses liquor in any form, frequents pool or public halls, or gets shaved in a barbershop will give good reason to suspect his worth, intentions, integrity and honesty.

9. The teacher who performs his labours faithfully and without fault for five years will be given an increase of 25¢ per week in his pay, provided the Board of Education approves.

10 and 25 YEARS AGO First of their type in Canada.

ECHOES

From the pages of the Herald July 26th, 1950, and July 31, 1935

10 YEARS AGO

The Ontario Provincial Police have notified the municipality that they will terminate their contract to police the town at the end of this year.

A former Georgetown banker, Tim Mayberry, has been appointed executive vice-president of the Firestone Tire and Rubber Company of Canada Limited.

Hydraulic sorting lifts recently installed in the Georgetown Mill of Pro-N. H. Brown, Don Latimer, and S. Lyon.

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WORDS OF THE WISE

It is only when men begin to worship that they begin to grow. (Calvin Coolidge)



THE EAGER BEAVERS ON PARLIAMENT HILL

Controversial Corner

by Ian Cass

HARD LESSONS TO BE LEARNED IN AFRICA

Even the approach by so many who write nowadays to the question of what to do with the colonies of the Commonwealth and Empire after independence is not without its difficulties.

It becomes more obvious now and always that before that step is taken on the road of independence, the native population must be prepared in the event of any emergency situation. There must be a mutual understanding between the two sides of the coin.

There is no solution of any kind for the problem of the native population's survival if the colonial power is benevolent or otherwise.

It is true that most of the colonial power is concerned with the welfare of the native population under the rule of a colonial authority. Not that any of the native men of the colonies and subject to the rule of the colonies is to be replaced by the collapse of the old and inferior system.

The native population's survival depends on the native population's own determination to make the best of the opportunities available to them.

ADVERTISING ETHICS

The focus of this discussion is on the ethics of advertising. The moral corruption of advertising is the focus of the article.

It is true that most of the advertising is aimed at the average person, and generally a return to the native population's own determination to make the best of the opportunities available to them.

The motor car trade provides a multitude of examples of what I have in mind. Brand new Plymouths only \$2,000 says the ad in one such type.

So you take a magnifying glass and look for the small print which probably says "balance

after low down payment" or "used only by our sales manager", or you see that the sum mentioned is what you will save on the list price, or one of a dozen other forms of misrepresentation.

The manufacturer (the Cad) even made the front bumper bar in an obvious imitation of this female appendage. Some aspects of this business would be comical if it were not for the innocent tragedy caused by the reluctance of so many mothers to breast feed their children.

An doctor, psychologist, nutritionist, ward nurse or juvenile counselor would be able to tell you what a tragedy this is.

Sugar and Spice

Dispensed by BILL SMILEY of the Wartime Echo

There's always something to do. That's why I was looking for the joy of life, isn't forward to eating out where there's barefoot through a field of violets in pursuit of a light breakfast, with perhaps just orange juice, crisp bacon, roll and to be a broken bottle among flowers, and coffee; a simple lunch consisting of a mere omelette, a salad, and perhaps a Danish pastry, but in the evening the works. I planned to close out all those charming little foreign restaurants my friends in the city are always telling me they almost went to one night, and do them up brown.

That's the way I've been frustrated by the business of eating out in the city. There have been many occasions, in the past decade, when I have thought it must be heaven to eat out of a restaurant, every day, all alone. Our house of mirth has always required nerves of steel and a cast iron stomach.

Most second home were at least a mixed meal of the regional delicacies, topped with no answers, tightly overcooked meat and an endless variety of dishes to satisfy and please the palate.

Well, I don't like to admit it, but something has gone wrong.

My breakfast has turned out to be toast and coffee, same as at home. Lunch has become a cheese sandwich and the coffee, too, some of which was definitely made to order before yesterday. These are eaten in hot, crowded, shouting diners in which flies are twice as active as the waitresses, who look at you as though you'd made an indecent proposal if you ask them for a spoon.

But the real heartbreaker is the dinners. I tried it, just once. Went out all by myself to a push-up joint, and went all out. You know something? I was ready for a straight jacket, so to speak, because they brought my coffee, I was so lonely in that romantic corner that I was ready to cry. The Baroness didn't happen to be there that night either. If it hadn't been for a more old couple from Hart Wilson at the next table, I'd have felt as friendless as the Prisoner of Chillon.

I would sit my agonized with ear-muffs in silence, the waiters familiar as I sat silent over to discuss the world with me. He would stop me a note from the barman, looking across the room, to whom I had nodded hello when I entered. I would read it, give a short, hard laugh and turn my entire attention to the pretty naked duck, followed in bubbles and pieces prepared by the chef.

Just then one of the kids would knock over a glass of milk, and I'd be back at the kitchen table at home, gulping the menu pinned up, will be yours truly. And I don't care if I never see another French-fried potato in my life. And I count the days until I can get home and enjoy a real meal in the proper atmosphere of kids fighting, spilled milk, and four people all talking at once about four different things.

manufacturer (the Cad) even

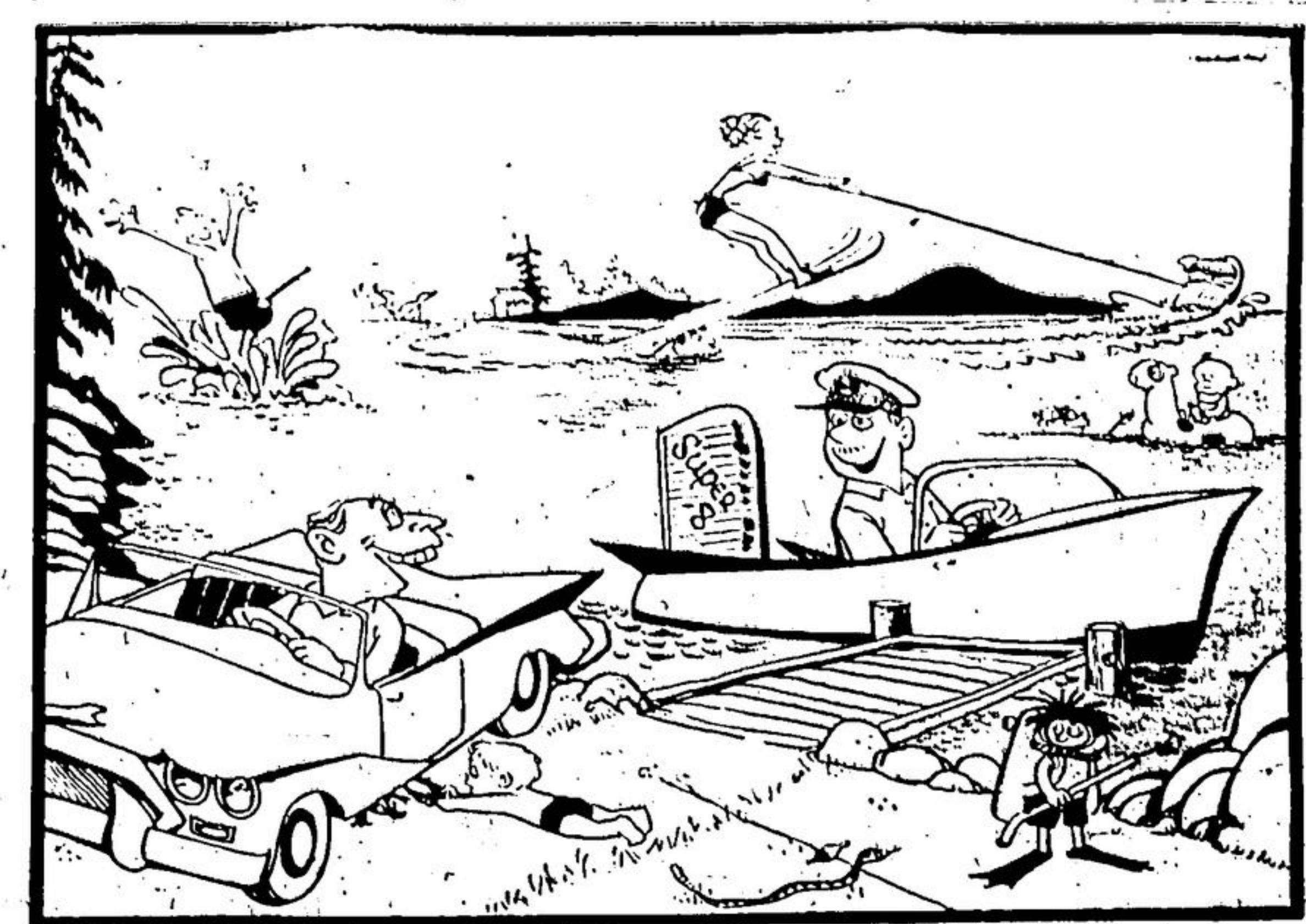
service with a Scottish regiment in the First World War, is a native of Hamilton. He graduated from McMaster University in 1959 and plans to continue his studies in Philosophy at the same University, working towards a Master's degree. He is rated by his professors as a superior student with a broad educational background.

At present Mr. Binne is specializing in aesthetics, existentialism and ancient philosophy. He plans later to study for a Ph.D. at the University of London.

WORDS OF THE WISE

The chief lesson I have learned in a long life is that the only way to make a man trustworthy is to trust him, and the surest way to make him untrustworthy is to distrust him and show your mistrust.

Henry L. Stimson.



"What a lovely day, let's cause accidents!"